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Crash landing

The cockpit of the Boeing 737 owned by Varig after having a navigation system failure. (Reuters wirephoto)
The plane crash landed last Sunday
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Mother Teresa alert after heart attack

CALCUTTA, Sept. 8, (AP) Mother Teresa, the Nobel prize-winning Roman Catholic nun known as the "Saint of Calcutta" for her work with the world's poor, suffered a heart attack this morning, her doctor said.

However, her condition has stabilized and the outlook is improving, said Dr. A. Bardhan, the 79-year-old nun's cardiologist.

He refused to give further details, but the official All-India Radio reported she was alert and was visited briefly by the governor of West Bengal state.

Mother Teresa was admitted to the intensive care unit at Woodlands Hospital on Tuesday, suffering a high fever and an irregular heartbeat.

She became ill on Sunday night but insisted on attending mass on Monday. Her condition continued to deteriorate and on Tuesday she was admitted to the hospital.

She founded the Missionaries of Charity, an order of 3,000 nuns in 87 countries, in 1950.

Oh boy, Cory in trouble

MANILA, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Philippine President Corason Aquino faced disarray in her ruling coalition today, with charges of gun-running against congressmen and the resignation of party chief Ramon Mitra.

Mitra confirmed he was stepping down as President of the LDP (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino), which commands an overwhelming majority in Congress, as an apparent split emerged between party leaders.

Aquino called a hastily-scheduled news conference yesterday to deny that congressman Jose Cojuangco, her younger brother who is also secretary general of the LDP, was involved in a gun-smuggling scandal.

"It's easy for my enemies to hit anybody who is close to me. Maybe they cannot hit me directly, so they have to attack the people around me," Aquino said.

She announced an official investigation into the alleged import of 300 guns intercepted by customs officials at Manila airport on Tuesday.

Nicanor de Guzman, a congressman and friend of Cojuangco, said he was taking indefinite leave after a congressional investigating panel said it found circumstantial evidence linking him to the arms.

De Guzman, a member of Aquino's ruling coalition in the House of Representatives, said he was innocent but would go on unpaid leave until the investigation was completed.

Mitra, who was one of the main organisers of Aquino's campaign in elections in 1986 which helped topple former President Ferdinand Marcos, said he would step down as LDP leader from September 16. He will stay on as speaker of the House of Representatives.

He told reporters he wanted to free himself from political infighting and give younger politicians a chance.

'Only 19 died'

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): The Iraqi embassy in London yesterday described as highly exaggerated a British newspaper report that 700 people died in an explosion at an Iraqi military installation.

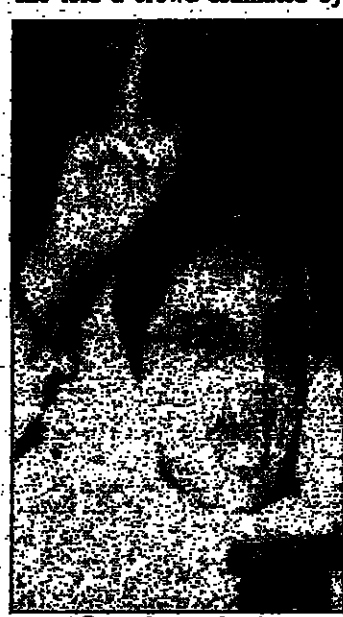
It said 19 people were killed when a petroleum storage depot blew up.

The independent newspaper, quoting US diplomats and Middle Eastern sources, said on Wednesday the explosion occurred at a secret military establishment south of Baghdad.

Benazir one with military 12-year feud ends

RAWALPINDI, Sept. 8, (Agencies): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on Wednesday formally ended a 12-year feud with the military who overthrew her father in 1977.

"The defence of the country is in capable and strong hands," she told a crowd estimated by



Benazir ... no feud

journalists at more than 250,000 at a rally. "The armed forces are from the people and both are one."

Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) was bitter about the military intervention and activists used to chant such slogans as: "A friend of the military is a traitor to the nation."

But Benazir Bhutto put a stop to this in 1985. She acknowledged that she could never come to power without the acquiescence of the armed forces.

Since taking office in December, Bhutto has presided over military parades and awarded decorations to officers.

The well-publicised rally was the culmination of weeks of wooing of the military.

Benazir Bhutto also used Pakistan's Defence Day, the anniversary of India's invasion of Pakistan on Sept. 6, 1965, to stage a show of political strength.

"While Pakistan seeks peace with honour, we maintain that peace is only assured by strength," said Bhutto.

"Pakistan just can't afford a return to the decade of repression," she said.

Permanent residence mulled 'Stay' in the UAE

ABUDHABI, Sept. 8, (AP): In what would be a major policy shift, authorities in the United Arab Emirates were reported yesterday to be considering granting some expatriates permanent stay in this Gulf country.

The decision would affect mainly Arab and Muslim expatriates, according to the Dubai-based newspaper Al Bayan.

About 70 per cent of the UAE population of 1.6 million are foreigners, mostly Arabs and Asians.

"The higher authorities in the UAE had issued instructions, insisting on recognising the role played by expatriates, and to facilitate their permanent stay in the country after termination of their services," Al Bayan said.

The largest expatriate community in the UAE is the Indians, estimated at some 300,000 followed by the Pakistanis. The largest Arab community is Egyptian at some 100,000 followed by some 80,000 Sudanese and some 70,000 Palestinians, mainly carrying Jordanian travel documents.

The solicitor general, Frank Chavez, made the statement in a radio interview during the second day of a civil trial considering an \$810 billion lawsuit against Marcos.

The suit is the first to come to trial since the former president was ousted three years ago.

Chavez said government prosecutors would present evidence showing that Marcos, who was elected president in November 1965, accumulated unexplained wealth far beyond his legal salary during his 20 years in office.

Pullout pact

Lanka, India reach accord

NEW DELHI, Sept. 8, (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said today an agreement had been reached on the withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping soldiers from Sri Lanka, the Press Trust of India reported.

The news agency said the agreement was worked out with Sri Lankan officials during the just-concluded meeting of non-aligned nations in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

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All 55 killed in plane crash

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8, (Agencies): A passenger plane crashed today in the Skagerrak strait north of Denmark's Jutland peninsula, killing all 55 people aboard, rescue authorities said.

The twin-engine Convair Turbo-prop propeller plane, belonging to the Norwegian Airline Partnair, was en route from Oslo, Norway, to Hamburg, West Germany.

"We have found 32 dead, and there are no survivors ... the plane disintegrated. We just found the main wheel floating and the nose cone," said Kurt Rasmussen, an official at the Danish sea-rescue centre at Karup in the central Jutland Peninsula.

There were 50 passengers and a crew of five aboard, according to a Partnair official in Oslo, who would not give his name. He and other officials said the plane was on a charter flight.

Partnair did not immediately release a passenger list or give any breakdown of any nationalities of those aboard. Its telephone lines were continuously busy in the hours after the crash.

Hamburg is a popular weekend destination for Norwegian vacationers.

"There is no way of finding out the cause of the crash right now, because we haven't found the black box," the plane's flight recorder, Rasmussen said.

The plane, which took off from Oslo's Fornebu airport, was flying at an altitude of 23,000 feet (7,000 metres), when air controllers at Copenhagen's Kastrup airport lost contact with it. Sweden's national news agency TT reported.

It went down 16 nautical miles (30 kilometres) north of Hirtshals, on Denmark's northern coast, according to the rescue centre at Karup.

Rescue officials earlier said the crash occurred at 6.30 pm (1630 GMT), but Rasmussen indicated the earlier reports may have been in error.

Weather in the area had been good and there were no immediate clues to the cause of the crash.

Khashoggi doin' great

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (AP): Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi, his usual globe-hopping curtailed by US authorities, says he's happy nonetheless while awaiting trial on obstruction of justice and mail fraud charges.

"Everything is marvellous, just great," Khashoggi told an Israeli reporter for a rare interview carried by the New York Post. "People come up and shake my hand. Everybody in the street recognises me."

"Everybody is pleased to meet me. When I'm out, they won't even let me pay for meals. There is no need to worry about me."

Pull out, Nam tells Israelis

Movement welcomes Palestine, calls for recognition

BELGRADE, Sept. 8, (KUNA): The 9th non-aligned summit has renewed a call for complete Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestine, including Jerusalem, and hailed the "constructive" attitude of the Palestine Liberation Organisation toward a Middle East peace.

A document adopted by the summit also expressed support for the uprising in the Israeli occupied areas saying the intifada has made a significant contribution to peace efforts in the region.

Heads of state or government of the non-aligned countries "considered as a positive contribution to peace the constructive attitude of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," the document said.

It praised Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's peace overture at the United Nations General Assembly session in Geneva last December and the earlier announcement of the Palestine National Council that it accepted the right of Israel to exist.

The document renewed the Non-Aligned Movement's call for "the withdrawal of Israel from all the territory of the state of Palestine, including Jerusalem and from all the other occupied Arab territories."

It also underlined the need for solving the problem of Palestinian refugees in conformity with the UN resolutions and called for the dismantling of all Jewish settlements in the territories.

The Nam, also demanded free access to the holy places inside the occupied territories.

The non-aligned countries also called for the holding of the proposed international conference on Mideast peace with the participation of all parties to the conflict including the PLO, on an equal footing and with equal rights.

The document welcomed the state of Palestine as "a full-fledged member of the movement of the non-aligned countries and called upon all members and non-members that have not already recognised the independent state of Palestine to do so, and to establish diplomatic ties with it."

It called upon the secretary general of the United Nations to pursue his efforts with the parties concerned to facilitate the convening of the international peace conference.

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Shot by policemen

A youth from the South African township of Athlone shows injuries sustained when police opened fire with shotguns on youths. Church leaders on Friday called for an illegal mass march on South Africa's newly-elected Parliament.

next week to protest against alleged killings by police in a crackdown on polling day. Archbishop Desmond Tutu and reformist church leader Allan Boesak, urged the city's people to march.



Hostage is 'dead'

The wife of missing Briton Jack Mann, (right) World War II fighter pilot, said today she has been told he is dead and that she believes the report to be true.

Mann, 75, disappeared May 12 as he drove to a bank in Syrian-policed Muslim West Beirut.

None of Lebanon's kidnappers has claimed to hold him by name. But a previously unknown faction, the Cells of Armed Struggle, claimed that it kidnapped an unidentified Briton in Beirut the day Mann disappeared.

It demanded the release of Arabs jailed in Britain for the

1987 killing of Palestinian cartoonist Ali Najj Al-Adhami. But Scotland Yard said no arrests had been made in connection with the slaying.

He wife, Sunny (left) said she received a telephone call Monday from an unidentified man who told her: "I have bad news about your husband."

She said she later met the man at a shop in West Beirut's Hamra commercial thoroughfare and he told her that Jack is dead.

She declined to give any other details.

IRA kills soldier's wife 'Shooting Heidi a mistake'

DUBLIN, Sept. 8, (Reuters): The Irish Republican Army today acknowledged killing a British soldier's wife in West Germany but said the shooting was a mistake.

The Irish Republican Press Centre in Dublin said the victim, a West German civilian in her late 20s, was shot yesterday "in the belief that she was a member of the British Army garrison at Dortmund."

In West Germany, a British army spokeswoman named the dead woman as Heidi Hazell, who was born in the northern city of Bremen, had been married for two years and had no children.

The soldier's wife was sitting in a parked car with British number plates when a gunman wearing British army

fatigues approached and fired 14 shots from Kalashnikov assault rifle.

The attack was the third against British-linked targets in West Germany in two weeks by IRA guerrillas fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland. It was the first time a member of a soldier's family had been killed in West Germany.

"We are up against the cowardly actions of terrorists who go for innocent, defenceless people," British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told reporters during a visit to Scotland.

She stressed a need for constant vigilance, but said: "It is very difficult, impossible, to get 100 per cent defence."

United States," Chavez said in the radio interview.

An internal revenue intelligence agent today authenticated documents showing ousted Marcos' paltry salary during his 20-year presidency did not justify his vast wealth.

Manberto Ribo Jr., 56, was the second government witness in the trial on the first of 35 civilian suits filed against Marcos for violations of the Anti-graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

Marcos' wife, Imelda, said yesterday she had paid \$500,000 in medical expenses for her husband, who is critically ill in hospital in Hawaii.

'Jabriya' brain not in Kuwait

KUWAIT has categorically denied that it has in its custody a Lebanese national identified as Imad Mughniyah, accused of having masterminded the hijacking of the Kuwaiti Boeing 747 "Jabriya" on April 5, 1988. Kuwait's issued the denial.

However, a daily quoted a security source as saying that "perhaps an Arab Gulf state has recently arrested Mughniyah." No further details were provided. In a related development, a Dubai-based Arabic language newspaper said yesterday that security authorities of an Arab Gulf state arrested the Lebanese, who is allegedly to be affiliated with the Hezbollah party. Al Bayan newspaper which quoted no sources, added that Mughniyah was later handed over to the Kuwaiti authorities.

The KAC jetliner was hijacked last year while on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait with 97 passengers and a complement of 15 crew members on board. The hijacked jet was diverted to Iran's Mashhad airport and later to Cyprus. The hijackers who numbered between six to seven, according to eyewitnesses, shot dead two Kuwaiti passengers. The plane was later taken to Algiers where the hijackers released the rest of the passengers.

All through the negotiations with the hijackers, Kuwait took firm and refused to bargain with the hijackers.

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Cholesterol level changes Menopause risk to heart

BOSTON, Sept. 8, (UPI) — Menopause appears to increase the risk of heart disease for women by causing harmful changes in their cholesterol levels, researchers warned Wednesday.

The findings, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, indicate postmenopausal women should get their cholesterol levels tested and change their diet or take other steps if the results are worrisome.

"As women go through menopause they should have their lipids checked and if they see a change consider a number of options," said Karen Matthews, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh who headed a first-of-its-kind study on the subject.

Women usually go through menopause in their 50s when their ovaries stop producing the female hormone estrogen. This estrogen drop has been associated with a variety of health problems, including hot flashes, thinning bones and possibly heart disease.

But researchers were unsure whether a woman's risk for heart disease increased at that age because of menopause or because of other age-related factors. If the increase was due to menopause, researchers were not sure why.

The new study is the first to directly measure cholesterol levels in women before and after they went through menopause and compare the levels to other women in the same age group.

"I think it's an important study," said Dr. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor of the University in California-San Diego. "This confirms what some people had suspected."

The researchers tested 541 healthy women before they went through menopause in 1983 and 1984 for a variety of factors believed associated with an increased risk for heart disease.

When the researchers compared the 69 women who went through menopause in the next 2-1/2 years to women who did not, the women who went through menopause had about twice the increase in their blood levels low-density lipoprotein.

Low-density lipoprotein or LDL is known as "bad cholesterol" because it tends to accumulate inside artery walls, setting the stage for heart attacks.



Buddy Holly look-alikes?

Paul McCartney (left) and his wife Linda join in the Buddy Holly look-alike frolic on Sept. 7 with Mark Balgout of Enfield, who won the contest from ten finalists. McCartney was paying tribute to his boy-

hood hero by hosting a lunch to mark the 14th annual Buddy Holly week, which he and his wife Linda started in 1976. (Reuter wirephoto)

Test identifies breast cancer

HPR increases recurrence risk

BOSTON, Sept. 8, (UPI) — A new test appears effective for identifying early breast cancer patients at greatest risk for suffering a life-threatening recurrence of the disease, researchers reported Wednesday.

Breast cancer patients who tested positively for a protein called HPR have nearly four times the chances their cancer will come back, indicating they may be candidates for the strongest drugs initially, the researchers said.

Although the test needs to be studied further, it appears promising.

"We're very encouraged by the report," said Dr. Gerald Murphy of the American Cancer Society. "The potential is for better ways to identify — early — women with breast cancer who might be needing more intensive treatment."

The test will be available on a limited basis for doctors to order for their patients sometime later this year or early next year, according to Chektec Corp. of Baltimore, which is developing the test.

Breast cancer strikes about one out of every 10 women in the United States, making it the most common form of cancer among women and the second leading cause of cancer death for women.

Researchers have been trying to find ways to determine which women with early stages of the cancer are most likely to have relapses so they know who to treat with the most intense drugs initially to prevent the recurrences, which are often fatal. Doctors hesitate to use the strongest drugs on all breast cancer patients because of possible side effects.

Scientists recently discovered the HPR protein, which stands for haptoglobin-related protein, and found it in the blood of pregnant women and in some samples of breast cancer tissue.

Researchers are not sure how HPR would influence the chances of having a recurrence, but scientists suspect the protein may play a role in the cancer's ability to spread.

In a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore tested cancer tissue samples from 70 women diagnosed with stage I and II breast cancer from 1977 through 1985.

Those who tested positively for HPR had nearly four times the risk of suffering a recurrence compared to those who did not in the 11 years following diagnosis, the researchers found.

"We found there was a significant association between the expression of HPR and the recurrence of breast cancer," said Dr. Francis Kuhajda, who led the study. "What is hoped is that in the future this will allow us to stratify patients to identify those who have a high risk of recurrence."

HPR seemed to be a stronger predictor of recurrence risk than several other factors, including tumour size and disease stage, the researchers said.

The test also appeared to be an even more powerful predictor when combined with a test of whether the tumour had receptors for the hormone progesterone, the researchers said.

Ultraviolet rays harm plant growth

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, (AP) — Ultraviolet-B radiation, those sun rays that may cause skin cancer, can destroy a protein essential to plants, suggesting that ozone holes in the sky could lead to less food on the table, an agriculture scientist said yesterday.

Antar K. Mattoo, leader of the Plant Molecular Biology Laboratory at the US Department of Agriculture Research Station in Beltsville, Maryland, said that studies using duckweed plants showed that exposure to ultraviolet-B, or UV-B, radiation destroyed half of the plant's store of a critical photosynthesis protein every half hour.

The plant is able to restore protein at normal UV-B levels, he said, but at higher levels of UV-B the plant would be stripped of the protein and photosynthesis would stop.

"In a few hours time, you would have hardly any of this protein left in the plant," he said.

UV-B is a normal component of sunlight. Most of the radiation is filtered out by ozone in the earth's stratosphere and never reaches the ground. But recent studies have shown that some types of pollution are causing the ozone layer to thin in places, creating what scientists called "ozone holes."

Blood vessel protein may contribute to malaria death: study

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (AP) — A protein in the inner lining of blood vessels may help cause potentially fatal complications in malaria, and further study of it might lead to new therapies, a British researcher said Wednesday.

The protein may let red blood cells stick to blood vessel walls after they are infected with a malaria-causing parasite, an attachment thought to be important in producing the complications, said Anthony Berendt.

New test-tube experiments show infec-

ted blood cells stick to the protein, he said. If further research demonstrates that the protein plays a key role in the complications, which strike the brain and elsewhere, developing drugs to dislodge the red cells from the protein may prove useful, he said.

Berendt, of John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England, and colleagues there describe their work in yesterday's issue of the British Journal Nature.

The protein is called Interleukin-1, or ICAM-1. Two

other proteins, called CD36 and Thrombospondin, had previously been implicated as possible attachment sites for infected red cells.

But studies suggested those proteins could not account for all cases of red cell attachment, Berendt said.

Luis Fajardo, a pathology professor at Stanford University Medical School who studies malaria, called the new findings "very important."

More than half the deaths in malaria result from a brain complication that is

caused, at least in part, by a clogging of blood vessels with clumps of red cells stuck to vessel linings, Fajardo said. The condition, called cerebral malaria, makes victims confused and disoriented before they sink into a coma.

Fewer than one per cent of the world's estimated 100 million to 200 million annual malaria cases are thought to progress to cerebral malaria, but it probably kills more than 500,000 people a year in Africa alone, he said.

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Scientists to prove Turin shroud genuine

PARIS, Sept. 8, (Reuters). Scientists insisted yesterday they would try to prove that the controversial Turin shroud, which many Christians believe bears the imprint of Christ's body, is not a medieval fake.

More than 300 people attended the start of a two-day conference in Paris, the first since the Roman Catholic Church announced last October that carbon-dating tests proved the cloth was an extremely clever forgery from the 13th or 14th century.

The findings seemed to rule out the possibility that the shroud, which bears the

bloodstained image of a bearded man, was used to wrap Christ's body after his crucifixion.

But scientists, who for years have been baffled by the yellowing cloth under lock in Turin cathedral since 1578, are determined the matter should not stop there.

"If the scientific world had accepted the shroud as a medieval fake this symposium wouldn't be happening," said Antoine Legrand, a French historian who has studied the cloth for over half a century.

"The results of the carbon-dating process

will be strongly contested during the symposium," he added.

Dr Marie-Claire van Oosterwyck-Gastuche, a Belgium expert on carbon-dating, criticised the way the Carbon-14 tests, as they are known, were carried out.

"It's the certainty with which they announced their conclusions that we find shocking," she said. "Few people here think their research is as reliable as they've made out."

"It's curious that none of the laboratories are here for the symposium. It seems they want to avoid a confrontation."



Four for Paula

Singer-dancer Paula Abdul holds up four fingers to show how many MTV awards she won during the evening of August 6, as she holds one of her awards in her hand. (Reuters wirephoto)

It's Living Colour

UNIVERSAL CITY, California, Sept. 8, (AP). Funk-rockers Living Colour won best new artist, group and stage performance awards, while former laker girl Paul Abdul won best dance and choreography awards for her "Straight Up" video at the 6th annual MTV music video awards on Wednesday.

Living Colour accepted their trophies—all for the video "Cult Of Personality"—backstage at Three River stadium in Pittsburgh, where they were appearing with the Rolling Stones.

The Stones' lead singer, Mick Jagger, presented the best group video trophies during the live satellite remote broadcast.

Abdul, who began her career as a cheerleader for the National Basketball Association team the Los Angeles Lakers, was moved as she accepted her second award of the night and asked the Universal Amphitheatre audience, "you don't want to see me weep?" she had six nominations overall.

Madonna, also nominated six times on the strength of "Express Yourself" and "Like A Prayer," brought a best direction trophy to David Fincher for "Express Yourself."

Madonna, taking a sultry stage pose with a cigarette and a two-woman entourage, introduced the career-achievement video Vanguard award to pop singer George Michael.

D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince won the Rap award for "Parents Just Don't Understand."

"This Is A Dream Come True," said Fresh Prince, 19, who urged all of the "Kids Out There" to "Stay Away From Drugs and All That Stuff."

The 2 1/2-hour TV show, hosted by Arsenio Hall, offered pop superstar Michael Jackson a chance for a strong showing with eight nominations.

Guns 'N Roses won the Heavy Metal category for "Sweet Child O' Mine" and the combination of Irish rockers U2 and Bluesman B.B. King earned a best video from film trophy for "When Love Comes To Town."

Paula Abdul's Cold-Hearted Stays hot

NEW YORK, (AP). Paula Abdul and her *Cold-Hearted* stayed on Wednesday at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States for the second week in a row.

Gloria Estefan's *Don't Wanna Lose You* and the New Kids on the Block's *Hangin' Tough* held on second and third spots, respectively, for the second straight week on the Cash Box magazine chart.

Soaring fast up the top 10 list was *Heaven* by Warrant, up from ninth to fourth.

The week's only newcomer to the list was *Keep on Movin'* by Soul II Soul, up from 12th to 10th.

As for the country and western singles, *I Wonder Do You Think Of Me* by Keith Whitley took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart. *Honky Tonk Heart* by Highway 101 was second, and *I'm Still Crazy* by Vern Gosdin was third.

The top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) Cold-Hearted — Paula Abdul (Virgin).
2. (2) Don't Wanna Lose You — Gloria Estefan (Epic).
3. (3) Hangin' Tough — New Kids on the Block (Columbia).
4. (9) Heaven — Warrant (Columbia).
5. (5) The End of Innocence — Don Henley (Geffen).
6. (6) Angel Eyes — The Left Hand Band (Arista).
7. (7) Secret Rendezvous — Karen White (Warner Brothers).
8. (8) Friends — Jody Watley (MCA).
9. (10) Shower Me With Your Love — Surface (Columbia).
10. (12) Keep on Movin' — Soul II Soul (Virgin).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) I Wonder Do You Think Of Me — Keith Whitley (RCA).
2. (1) Honky Tonk Heart — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).
3. (3) I'm Still Crazy — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).
4. (5) Give Me His Last Chance — Lionel Cartwright (MCA).
5. (9) Let Me Tell About Love — The Judds (Curb-RCA).
6. (2) Timber I'm Falling In Love — Patty Loveless (MCA).
7. (10) Nothing I Can Do About It Now — Willie Nelson (Columbia).
8. (12) Don't You — The Forester Sisters (Warner Brothers).
9. (4) Are You Ever Gonna Love Me — Holly Dunn (Warner Brothers).
10. (14) Killin' Time — Clint Black (RCA).

And in London, *Ride on Time* by Black Box was number one on the British pop singles chart this week, edging out live Bunny and The Asterixes which had controlled top spot for the previous five weeks with *Swing the Mood*.

Saving the Seeds of Love by Tears for Fears moved into third spot, followed by *Hey DJ* by the Beatmasters and Betty Boo.

from the concert movie "Rattle and Hum."

Puerto Rican singer Chayanne won best Latin rock video in the international viewers choice award, a popularity contest determined by telephone votes and ballots received by mail and fax machine.

Nominations were made in 18 General and professional categories. The additional special categories included half of fame, viewers choice and international viewers choice, the latter for best European, Australian, Japanese and Latin rock videos.

George Michael was announced in advance as recipient of the 1993 video Vanguard award. His "Father Figure" was cited for best direction last year.

Jackson was a multiple winner at the first MTV video music awards in 1984, taking the special viewer's choice, choreography and overall performance honours for "Thriller." But even then he was overshadowed by Herbie Hancock's six awards for "Rockit."

US team to solve Earhart mystery

SUVA, Fiji, Sept. 8, (AP). The leader of a US team hoping to solve the 52-year-old mystery of where Amelia Earhart crashed said yesterday he believes her plane went down on an uninhabited island and she died of thirst three days later.

"We wouldn't be going through this exercise if we didn't think there was something there," said Richard Gillespie, head of the International Group of Historic Aircraft Recovery.

The group believes Earhart's plane crashed on the Phoenix Island of Nikumaroro in the Kiribati archipelago, about 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) east of Fiji in the south Pacific.

Gillespie said a 16-member expedition will leave Suva on Monday in a converted Japanese trawler and spend three weeks on Nikumaroro and nearby McKean Island looking for evidence.

Earhart's plane disappeared in 1937 after she set off for Howland Island from Suva, Papua New Guinea, to attempt the first trans-Pacific flight. The famed aviator's exploits achieved legendary status in the United States.

"We do not claim to have new and revolutionary information or new and revolutionary technology," Gillespie said in a telephone interview. "We have applied rigid academic techniques to solving the Earhart enigma."

US embassy official Robert Benzinger said on Wednesday that Gillespie's group had "fairly persuasive" evidence that Earhart went down much further eastward than previously thought.

"They have two basic theories about where Earhart crashed, and if they find the evidence it will be sensational," he said.

Gillespie's group searched old US Navy records to produce the theory that Earhart, running short of fuel, dumped her plane on Nikumaroro, which was on her flight path to Howland Island.

Howland lies north of the Phoenix Islands and has an airstrip that Earhart had planned to use for refueling before going on to Hawaii.

"We know for a fact that she did not arrive at Howland Island because people were there waiting for her," Gillespie said. "We know for a fact how fast her plane was going and how much fuel she had on board. When she sent a distress signal she was about 100 miles (160 kilometers) from Howland."

"It would be logical for her navigator to put down on the nearest bit of land, and that would have to be Nikumaroro or McKean since she was lost."

Gillespie said the US Coast Guard picked up 24 distress signals for three days after the crash.

"They heard a faint woman's voice, which people recognized as Earhart's, it was on her frequency and her call sign," he said. "The US Navy launched a search and sent a battleship but because the waters were not well charted it did not put a landing boat ashore" on Nikumaroro.

Gillespie said a pilot flew over Nikumaroro in an ensuing aerial search and reported recent signs of human habitation.

He said he believed Earhart died of thirst three days after the crash because Nikumaroro has no fresh water and is uninhabited.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

WARSAW: A Polish criminal has staged his fourth escape from custody in 11 years, fleeing through a tunnel in front of prison guards.

Zdzislaw Najmrodzki, 35, was taking routine exercise in the prison yard in the southern Polish town of Gliwice when he dropped into a six-metre (20-foot) tunnel leading to a nearby school, the official news agency Pap said on Thursday.

He then disappeared into heavy traffic.

Najmrodzki, who has a long record of assaults, theft and burglary, made his first escape from a police convoy on the way to jail on 1978. Two years later he fled from a court where he was on trial.

(Reuters).

OSLO: Norway's biggest advertising agency has taken out a full-page advertisement in the country's most respected newspaper, complaining that politicians are using unethical tactics to woo voters before next week's election.

The complaint from BSB Bates part of the Scanad advertising empire, appeared in *Aftenposten* on Thursday and featured two large pictures of Labour Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland. The text lambasted her party and others for their advertising.

"Several parties, but particularly Labour, are delivering a 'knocking' message that you would not be allowed to use when selling cars or bank service anything," BSB chief executive Anne Jesse told Reuters. "We felt this should be known."

(Reuters).

LOS ANGELES: A man was convicted of cheating investors out of \$12.6 million in a tax-shelter scheme featuring audio tapes made by baseball manager Tommy Lasorda, singer Pat Boone and actor Vincent Price.

Johnathan D'Oris, 41, of Akron, Ohio, was found guilty Tuesday in US court of tax fraud, mail fraud and conspiracy.

D'Oris told investors that for \$10,000 they could take part in a programme allowing them to take 10 per cent of the tapes' value off their taxable income, resulting in a write-off of at least \$16,000, said assistant US attorney David Katz.

(AP).

LONDON: An embittered ex-husband who claims his former wife only married him for his money is seeking to reclaim her £60,000 (\$93,000) divorce settlement in the first lawsuit of its kind in Britain, according to reports published Wednesday.

Clement Noel is suing his ex-wife, Iris, on claims she fraudulently induced him to marry her, the *Guardian* said.

Noel, a lawyer in his 60s, alleged she fraudulently represented "that she loved him so she could get his money."

Lawyers told the *Guardian* the lawsuit was the first of its kind in Britain. (UPI).

LONDON: A man plunged 100 feet (30 metres) to his death from the famous Whispering Gallery in the dome of St Paul's Cathedral in the heart of London on Thursday.

The cathedral was full of tourists at the time but nobody else was hurt by the apparent suicide, police said.

Visitors were ushered out and the building was briefly closed. The man was not named.

Jacques Peyrou, a student from Paris, who had been standing close to the man, said nobody could save him. (Reuters).



Royal chitchat

The Princess of Wales, in a gown slit to just above the knee, talks to actress Helen Mirren (back to camera) and Max Rennis, 14, at the Royal World Charity Premier of 'When the Whales Came' on Sept. 7. (Reuters wirephoto)

GRASSE, France: A former French television star was charged with fraud on Thursday after accusations that a "good luck" ring she promoted enriched its sellers but disappointed thousands of her fans who ordered it.

Danielle Gilbert was remanded in custody after being charged in court in the southern town of Grasse. She was arrested at her Paris suburban home on Wednesday. No plea was taken.

(Reuters).

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, (AP). The US navy said yesterday that a gunner's mate probably caused the USS Iowa explosion that killed 47 sailors by placing a detonating device in the bags of gunpowder in the battleship's 16-inch (40 cm) guns.

The tragedy was the worst US naval disaster since the Vietnam war.

Clayton Hartwig, who died in the April 19 blast, was the gun captain in charge of loading the No 2 gun turret and the sailor investigators placed nearest the breach of the ill-fated weapon.

The centre gun turret exploded during a gunnery exercise about 330 miles (530 kms) northeast of Puerto Rico. The weapons aboard the World War II-era battleship can fire 2,700-pound (1,225 kg) shells a distance of 23 miles (37 kms).

Rear Adm. Richard Milligan, presenting the official conclusions of the 1,100-page report at the US Defence Department, said the sailors were killed when a fireball measuring 2,500 to 3,000 degrees F (1,370 to 1,650 degrees C) shot out of the gun.

He said the propellant in the Iowa's magazine on the day of the explosion "was stable and safe. It was not the cause of this explosion."

Milligan said investigators also found deficiencies in procedures aboard the ship, adding that routine "pre-fire briefings (were) poorly attended and poorly conducted."

The navy said its investigation could not pinpoint a precise reason for the blast.

However, the navy said, "the explosion was most probably caused by an intentional act. The weight of evidence indicates that some type of detonation device was deliberately placed between the powder bags being rammed into the breach of the centre gun."

"The most likely person with the access, knowledge and possible motivation to accomplish this act has been identified as gunner's mate and class Clayton M. Hartwig, USN, the centre gun captain in turret II at the time of the explosion," the Navy said.

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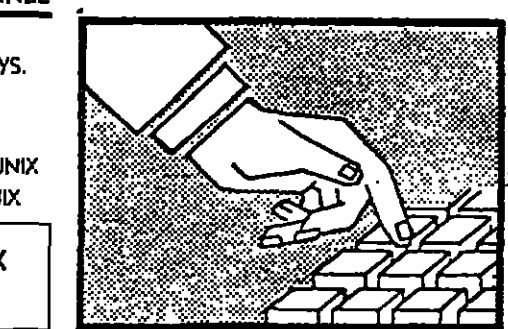
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Probe on police handling of 'Greekfest' riots

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, (AP). The US Justice Department on Wednesday opened a criminal investigation of allegations that law enforcement officers committed civil rights violations while quelling a weekend riot at Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A department spokeswoman, Deborah Burston-Wade, said the FBI had received two complaints from civilians who were in Virginia Beach, the scene of rioting among a crowd of 100,000 youths over the Labour Day weekend.

Police and national guard troops used clubs to disperse the crowds, which largely consisted of students from predominantly black east coast colleges.

Burston-Wade said the FBI and the department's civil rights division had formally opened a criminal investigation into possible deprivation of civil rights.

The spokeswoman said she couldn't provide specific information about the two complaints against law enforcement officers that were filed Wednesday with the FBI.

The Justice Department was continuing to review published accounts and videotapes of police and national guard troops clashing with the rioters, she said.

Virginia Beach's mayor said earlier that she welcomed a US investigation into how the city handled the disturbances.

"I have nothing to fear in this city being open to scrutiny," Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf said Tuesday. "We want the opportunity to have our name cleared."

Scientists looking for ways to control cocaine addiction

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, (AP) — The addict slips the needle into his scarred arm and drives down the plunger, or flares a crack-filled pipe and inhales the heated vapour. In both cases, the cocaine hits the brain within seconds, giving the user sensations of pleasure that some addicts have said is like no other high.

But the pleasure lasts only 10 to 20 minutes, followed quickly by a "crash" and a relentless, ignore-all-else craving to get high again.

It's that cycle of ecstasy, depression and renewed craving for euphoria that makes

cocaine and crack among the most habit-forming drugs. And, experts say, medical science has not found a treatment that can be applied universally to break the cycle of dependence.

"Cocaine is clearly a very addictive drug because it is the most reinforcing and pleasurable of the abused drugs," said Dr. Jack Blaine, chief of the treatment branch at the National Institute of Drug Abuse. "As yet, we don't have any good, solid research on successful crack or cocaine treatment."

Both cocaine and crack, a crystallized

form of cocaine that is smoked, work directly on the brain.

It's believed the drug causes protein molecules called neurotransmitters to ignite sensations of pleasure and send pulses of euphoria along nerve pathways time after time after time. Eventually, the molecules are absorbed and the effects diminish. For the user, there's a letdown and then, quickly, a desire for more of the drug.

That, Blaine said, is a cycle of reinforcement that makes cocaine dangerous. By some estimates, almost half of all

cocaine users quickly slip from casual use into an uncontrolled craving. And an even higher percentage of crack users quickly become addicts.

"Crack may be the most euphoric of all the drugs," said Dr. Herbert Kleber, a former Yale researcher who is with the national drug control police office.

Those who inhale powdered cocaine are limited by the amount the nose will absorb, Kleber said, and those who inject the drug eventually run out of veins. But the lungs have a virtually unlimited ability to absorb crack smoke, he said.

Success in treating addiction, he said, depends to a large degree on who is being treated.

"Some need only rehabilitation," he said. "Give me an employed (professional) and I will have 60 to 70 per cent success. In a year, he'll be off the drug."

But for addicts living in poverty, particularly in the inner city, there are few positive elements to provide an incentive to stay away from cocaine. Drugs in such neighbourhoods often are viewed as an industry and an economic opportunity for the young to gain wealth quickly.

"For those in the inner city, you have to address not just the drug, but the whole lifestyle," Kleber said. "First they have to be off the drug. Then they have to get the skills to stay off it."

That must include medical care, housing, education and vocational training.

And "when they go back into the community there's got to be a strong support system, a drug-free network," to reinforce the new way of life, he said.

Meanwhile, scientists are searching for a medication to help wean addicts from cocaine.

Israeli drug link is exposed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, (Kuna) — A new investigative report yesterday challenges Israeli government assertions that it had no knowledge of its citizens' involvement in training drug gangs responsible for widespread violence in Colombia.

The report, prepared by the Arab American Institute (AAI) headed by James Zoghby and acquired by Kuna, lists a variety of sources to link Israel's Defence Ministry to so-called "mercenaries" who assisted drug cartels in south and central America.

The author of the lengthy and detailed report, James Hunter, who is an editor of "Israeli Foreign Affairs" and is an expert on Israel's involvement in South America.

In a worse-case scenario, she suggests that the Israeli government might have knowingly cultivated ties with drug lords in the expectation that they would one day yield power and prove reliable customers for Israel's defence industry.

At best, she shows that Israel must have been fully ignorant of the actions of its operatives and citizens in the region.

High-ranking

The report documents that the Israelis named in the case are all high-ranking, trusted Israeli operatives with direct links or close ties to the Israeli government.

The report outlines the fact that Colombia has been a major arms customer of Israel. Given the power of the drug cartels, Hunter argues that Israel might have sought to cultivate ties with drug lords expected to attain power in the government in the future.

Many "private" Israeli defence companies engaged in training or assisting drug traffickers are either government fronts or under the control of the Israeli government, the report points out. At least one of these government-owned fronts has been linked to narcotics trafficking.

Commenting on the investigative report and its findings, Zoghby told Kuna:

"This report is important in that it rips the mask off Israeli posturing and holds that government accountable for its long and notorious involvement in Latin American affairs."

Public record

He added, "Israeli support for right-wing and violent paramilitary groups is a matter of public record and its involvement in Colombia must be seen in the context of that record."

According to the findings of this report, there is a body of evidence that private Israeli companies, such as Spearhead, whose officers trained the Colombian paramilitaries, are either outright government fronts or are completely under the control of the Israeli government.

It has also become well and widely known over the last several years that Israel's preferred modus operandi is to work through these fronts.

It notes that the International Security Defence Systems (ISDS), a government-owned front, has been linked to narcotics trafficking, as has Mike Harari, one of the men named in the current case.

"Not only has Harari been involved in Colombia, he also is a right hand man to Gen. Manuel Noriega in Panama and heavily involved in the training of the Nicaraguan Contras," Hunter asserts.

Drug haul

MADRID, Sept. 8, (Reuters) — Police in Spain, Europe's main transit point for Latin American cocaine, said today they seized 98 kg (215 pounds) of the drug and detained nine people, two of them Colombians, in two separate raids.

Police found 70 kg (154 pounds) of cocaine on a yacht in the southern port of Algeciras. They said the yacht had been bought by a Spanish businessman who put it under the name of a Briton, Barry Edward Becker. Both were among four people detained.

Fresh attacks rock Medellin

Colombians favour extradition

MEDELLIN, Sept. 8, (Reuters) — Fresh bomb and arson attacks rocked Colombia's drug capital today as the Army announced that it had seized a pilot for reputed Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar on charges of killing a police commander.

Meanwhile, newspapers published a public opinion poll saying nearly two-thirds of Colombians backed the extradition of traffickers sought by the United States, but largely opposed the arrival of foreign troops to battle the drug barons.

The Army in Medellin, the city at the hub of the world's cocaine trade, said soldiers detained nine people, including a pilot for reputed Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar, for the killing of a state police commander here on Aug. 18.

Sidelights

Tougher drug laws drafted: West Germany is drafting tougher anti-drug laws and considering a proposal to create a special European police force to fight drug trafficking, the government spokesman said Wednesday.

Chief spokesman Hans Klein told reporters that legal amendments being drafted will provide for tougher sentences for drug traffickers, their accomplices and money launderers.

Klein said West Germany and the European Economic Community were ready to support the United States in the anti-drug programme. (AP)

Heroin dealer given life: An Australian once sentenced to death in Singapore for drug offences was given a life sentence in Melbourne today for heroin trafficking.

The judge said Murray Perrier, arrested in June 1988, was the Australian link in a Thailand-based ring which imported four million dollars (\$3.2 million) worth of heroin.

Perrier, also convicted of drug offences and dishonesty in London, Karachi, Hong Kong and Zurich, spent eight weeks on death row at Changi Jail in 1981 for trafficking in heroin.

The charge was later reduced to possession and the sentence to three years jail. (Reuters)

Cocaine-smuggling ring busted: Portuguese officials said on Wednesday they had smashed an international cocaine-smuggling ring, arrested 10 people and seized 200 kg (440 pounds) of drugs from Latin America.

Those held were a Colombian, three Portuguese, a naturalised American of Cuban descent and five Spaniards, police said.

The haul, one of the biggest ever made in Portugal, came by ship from Colombia and Ecuador. It was hidden in fruit cans and kegs of pickled tripe. Police did not say when it was found or the arrests made.

Portugal has stepped up its battle against smugglers since Colombia launched its fight against cocaine barons. (Reuters)

Spanish sailor arrested: Police in Malaga have arrested a Spanish sailor suspected of smuggling cocaine inside his windsurfing board, local officials said yesterday.

Police detained the 28-year-old man at the airport of the southern town last weekend and discovered more than six kg (13 pounds) of cocaine hidden in the hollowed-out surfboard, they said.

The sailor was travelling from Panama to his home in northeast Spain. (Reuters)

44 to be tried for trafficking: Forty-four people, including a Catholic priest, were sent for trial yesterday charged with involvement in an Italian-American drug-smuggling ring financed by kidnappings and art thefts.

Senior Italian investigating magistrate Enzo Macri in his indictment said members of the Calabrian Mafia and Americans of Italian origin used the southern city of Reggio Calabria as the hub of a drugs network between 1986-88. He described it as "a colossal exchange of heroin and cocaine between Italy and the US."

Fugitive Antonio Saraceno, the alleged boss of the Calabrian Mafia, Lorenzo Zorza, a 48-year-old Catholic priest living in New York, and four Italian-Americans currently detained in Italy were among those sent for trial. (Reuters)

UN to open anti-drug meeting: Amid a stepped-up campaign against major drug traffickers and criminal syndicates, the United Nations will open Sept. 11 a conference of drug enforcement officers, officials said yesterday.

The conference, to be attended by top government and law-enforcement officials from some 100 countries, will serve to underscore police and enforcement measures against drug traffickers and addicts. (AP)

No bail for drug cartel's financier

ATLANTA, Sept. 8, (Agencies) — A Colombian on the list of "extraditables" sought in the United States for prosecution on drug-related charges has been ordered held without bail at an undisclosed site.

Eduardo Martinez Romero, 37, the reputed financial wizard of the Medellin cocaine cartel, arrived on Thursday in Atlanta, Georgia, on a US drug enforcement administration plane from Bogota.

He is thought to be a money-launderer for the drug cartel that the US government says is the largest cocaine supplier in the world, providing 80 per cent of the drug to the United States.

Hours later, after the government obtained an interpreter for him, he appeared before US magistrate Joel M. Feldman and told him he speaks only Spanish and does not fully comprehend the money-laundering charges against him.

Feldman postponed arraignment until Monday and ordered Martinez held without bail at an undisclosed site. Defence attorney Ed Garland said even he had not been told where Martinez was being held.

An arraignment is a procedure where the accused is brought before a court to hear and answer charges.

Assistant US attorney Wilmer Parker III said he will ask that bail be denied.

Martinez, who told the judge he holds a post-graduate degree in marketing, is accused of laundering between \$15 million and \$27 million in drug profits by funneling the cash through US banks.

"Based on what I heard today I would anticipate he will enter a plea of not guilty," said Garland. The Atlanta lawyer said he was contacted by a member of Martinez's family.

Meanwhile, President Bush raised the prospect Wednesday of co-ordinated support from the major Western powers for the war against Colombia's drug lords.

Promoting his \$7.9-billion plan to attack the drug trade at home and abroad, Bush voiced hope the other major democracies will soon join the United States in efforts to ensure Colombian President Virgilio Barco does not fail.

In particular, Bush said he found British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl "enthusiastic" about such a programme when he telephoned them Tuesday before his televised anti-drug address.

Calling for "a broad, co-operative, international effort" in his speech on Tuesday, Bush said: "This really is a war the United States cannot fight alone. We need to enlist the resources of other nations."

To that end, Bush urged expert-level talks be held in July at the economic summit in Paris on closer co-operation in tracking down drug-money launderers. Where he drew the line was military intervention.

Earlier, Bush told a group of reporters that Barco "made clear to me they don't want American troops." While seeming not to foreclose options for multilateral action, Bush said he would not risk a backlash "by raising the old, time-worn specter of American military intervention in Colombia."

The national drug policy director William Bennett has won a Senate committee chairman's promise of co-operation to hasten legislation launching the war on drugs.

Also on Thursday, Republican Party leaders in the House of Representatives and Senate urged fast action on President Bush's proposal, emerging from a White House meeting to "emphasise the sense of urgency needed to bring about congressional action."



A 15-year-old Thai boy injects himself with heroin. (Reuters wirephoto)

Golden Triangle makes a comeback

Burma unrest helps

BANGKOK, Sept. 8, (Reuters) — The "Golden Triangle" is making a comeback.

While the world watches the battle against cocaine bloodily unfold in Colombia, the drug lords of South-East Asia are quietly cashing in on unrest in Burma and bumper opium harvests.

New smuggling routes and increased poppy cultivation in the mountainous triangle where Burma, northern Thailand and Laos converge, have once again made South-East Asia the main source of heroin reaching North America, according to US narcotics experts.

Good weather conditions are expected to produce a large harvest throughout the Golden Triangle, American Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics Matters Melvin Levitsky told a US house committee on drug abuse recently.

General Chavalit Yodmani, secretary-general of Thailand's Narcotics Control Board, says he expects opium production in the Golden Triangle to soar 60 per cent this year to 2,400 tonnes from 1,500 tonnes last year.

Most of the increase will come from Burma where political turmoil over the past year means troops have been withdrawn from narcotics suppression to police restless cities and fight ethnic rebels.

The opium is refined into heroin along the Thai-Burma border and in Laos. It is smuggled out through India, China and Thailand for sale to addicts in Asia and the West, Chavalit told reporters in Bangkok.

"The bulk is through Thailand because we have better roads down to the coast," he said.

The rise in production puts the Golden Triangle back ahead of the "Golden Crescent," formed by Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan, another major source of heroin.

The ending of a US-supported aerial poppy eradication programme has contributed to the increase in opium production. The planes sprayed poison on poppies in Burma's northeastern Shan and Kachin states.

Ironically, the stoppage was part of sanctions by Washington against Burma's military government following its bloody suppression last year of pro-

democracy demonstrators.

"We cut the aid programme to Burma because of the political situation there and it is unlikely to resume in the near future," said US Ambassador to Thailand Daniel O'Donoghue.

Narcotics agents say the political upheavals in Burma also left the local police in chaos.

Top officers, including the commanders of narcotics units, were replaced, leaving a vacuum of skill and experience.

"I only know one of the commanders now and he's been shifted," said Chavalit. "I used to know them all."

"The powerful drug lords in the region have fled from government control have turned a cottage industry into a multi-million dollar empire. Living among hilltribes that have puffed opium for around 200 years, the narcotics kings are now backed by financiers in Hong Kong and San Francisco."

Thailand, which has an estimated 150,000 heroin addicts and at least double that number who abuse other drugs, has taken tough action to curb the drugs trade.

"We're concerned about the situation in Burma," said Chavalit. "We have less and less opium produced in Thailand but we still have lots of it on the other side of the border."

The Thai Army mounts raids to wipe out poppy fields, while the Narcotics Control Board supports programmes to substitute poppy cultivation with other crops.

Helped by personal intervention from the royal family and aid from abroad, the projects have sent Thai opium production plunging from 200 tonnes to little more than 20 in a decade.

But there have been allegations that some Thai police and officials are involved in the drugs trade.

A senior police officer was suspended in August pending investigation of charges by a US court that he was linked to a heroin smuggling syndicate.

Chavalit wants strict new measures, including forced detention and treatment of addicts, to curb the spread of drug abuse, partly because of the rapid in-

crease in AIDS cases among heroin users in Thailand.



Matta convicted

A Honduran billionaire folk hero whose 1988 arrest as a reputed cocaine kingpin sparked anti-American rioting in Tegucigalpa was convicted Wednesday.

Juan Ramon Matta Ballesteros, 44, was expressionless as the seven-count guilty verdict was translated into Spanish for him. His wife, Nancy, appeared shaken as the six men and six women on the jury nodded vigorously when collectively asked whether they affirmed the verdict.

Matta has been described as one of the most important links between Colombian drug lords and the Mexican smugglers.

What language is that?

An extradited Colombian financier declined Thursday to answer drug-money laundering charges in his first court appearance since being whisked to the United States, saying he did not understand them in English.

In a brief hearing conducted under extraordinary security, US magistrate Joel Feldman ordered Eduardo Martinez Romero, 38, held without bail until he is formally charged on Monday.

"At this time, I do not understand the charges of which I am accused," the subdued defendant said through an interpreter. (Reuters wirephoto)

Colombian crackdown dries up shipments to US, raises price of cocaine

MIAMI, Sept. 8, (AP) — The flood of drugs into the United States has dried up since Colombia's latest round of violence began, raising the price of cocaine and shrinking the size of crack rocks, authorities said yesterday.

But they warn the sudden drop in trafficking may be temporary, and could simply be the work of middlemen trying to drive up the price.

The Miami, Florida-based US Coast Guard group has seen import activity suddenly grind to a halt, said Lt. Cmdr Jeff Karonis.

The group has accounted for 97 per cent of the more than 10,000 pounds (4,540 kilograms) of cocaine intercepted by the entire service this year.

Pat O'Brien, outgoing head of the US customs service in Miami, said agents from this district, by far the busiest in the nation, had been tracking three to five air drops a week prior to the Colombian crackdown.

"That has now come to a standstill," he said. "There was only one right after the violence started, and we weren't even able to confirm that."

The only recent major cocaine haul — 800 pounds (363 kilograms) on a freighter in Tampa, Florida, on Saturday — had been loaded and shipped before the violence began.

Undercover agents trying to make cocaine buys have been put off for two to three weeks, and even though that

the period is about up, there are still no shipments ready, he said. The summer months have traditionally been the traffickers' busiest.

In addition, money-laundering activity tracked by customs is sputtering — traffickers are still moving wire transfers for old cocaine shipments, but there are few new payments.

The US Drug Enforcement Administration has also spotted the slowdown in drug activity, but agents there aren't sure if it marks a true disruption.

"But we don't know if that's because of what's happening in Colombia, or if entrepreneurs are trying to take advantage of what's happening to raise the price," said

Miami DEA spokesman John Fernandez.

Fernandez said the price of a large cocaine shipment in the last two weeks has increased from \$11,000 to \$15,000 a kilogramme to \$18,000 to \$19,000, with individual kilogramme sales reaching as high as \$23,000.

Metro-Dade police Cmdr Steve Rothlein, head of the County Narcotics Bureau, said street prices for a kilogramme of cocaine have shot up about \$7,000.

"Crack, on the other hand continues to sell for \$10 a rock — but some of the rocks are getting smaller," said Rothlein.

The heads of the cartels are also having difficulties trying to control their operations while on the ground, he said.

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A member of the rescue team observes the fuselage of the Boeing. (Reuters wirephoto)



Garces, pilot of the Varig Airlines Boeing. (Reuters wirephoto)



A mother and her daughter being carried by rescue workers from a helicopter into the hospital in Brazil's military base after they survived the crash. (Reuters wirephoto)

Toll rises to 13 in Amazon crash

Survivors rescued

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Sept. 8. (AP) — Rescue planes lifted stranded survivors of a jetliner crash-landing from a remote area of the Amazon jungle Wednesday, and officials said the death toll in the accident had risen to 13.

Varig Airlines said 13 people were killed and five seriously injured either in the crash or from the subsequent lack of medical attention while awaiting rescue for two days and three nights deep in the rainforest. The jetliner carried 54 people.

Doctors said the one foreigner reported on the airliner, Giovanni Mariani of Milan, Italy, suffered bruises but was otherwise in good condition.

A second passenger, Cleonilde Mello, died Wednesday morning as she was being transported by an air force rescue plane for medical attention in Brasilia.

The Varig 737-200 left the Amazon city of Manaus Sunday afternoon and later disappeared from radar screens on a 300-mile (480 km) flight to Belém.

On Tuesday afternoon search planes found the crashed airliner 435 miles (700 km) southwest of Belém, indicating it had virtually flown in the opposite direction as intended because its navigational system failed.

The director for the Brasilia-area hospital, Mauricio Cabriello, said one of those being treated is a 3-year-old girl, Bruna Coimbra, who was trapped for more than 10 hours in the wreckage of the plane and may lose a leg to amputation.

"It was horrible," said Marizete Coimbra, 25, the girl's mother. "The pilot told us we were going to have to crash-land in the middle of the forest. We panicked. I thought I was going to die like everyone else."

She said that immediately after the crash she worked for 10 hours to free her child from the wreckage with the help of fellow passengers.

"At first, everyone hoped we would be rescued quickly, since the pilot told us the plane had an emergency radio," Coimbra said. "There were several bodies around, and we tried to help the wounded. We shared and rationed the food that had been on the plane."

She complained that the plane did not carry enough medical supplies or water that could have "helped to stop the suffering of many people."

Survivors and air force officials said one of the passengers, Epaminondas Chaves, walked more than three miles (5 km) without a compass until he reached a ranch.

The ranch did not have a radio, so Chaves walked another mile and a half (2.5 km) to a place with a radio, the survivors reported.

Chaves' call for help was picked up by an amateur radio operator in the city of Franca, in the state of Sao Paulo, 1,000 miles (1,600 km) south of the crash site.

The operator who picked up the distress call, Joao Capanema junior, said he had trouble convincing

Boeing avoids a collision

Survivors rescued

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, Sept. 8. (AP) — A TWA jetliner nearly collided with a military plane near Chicago because the commercial plane's pilot obeyed an air traffic controller's instruction intended for another airliner, a US agency said.

Survivors of a crash hailed the plane's captain and an out-of-work teenager for helping to save their lives.

In interviews with Reuters here just before they were flown to safety, the passengers said Captain Cesar Augusto Padula Garcez carried injured passengers to safety while 19-year-old Alfonso Saraiva led a group of passengers through thick jungle to get help.

The passengers also described scenes of panic and heroism as their aircraft ran out of fuel while searching for a place to land in dense rain forest and ploughed into the trees.

They said Captain Padula Garcez carried injured passengers from the wreck and kept survivors at a safe distance from the plane until help arrived two days and three nights later.

A survivor of the crash has said the pilot admitted to him that he accidentally set his airliner on the wrong course by transposing a zero in the designated air route.

The survivor, who knew the area, also said he tried to tell the pilot he was on the wrong course after the plane took off but that he was unable to enter the cockpit.

The survivors — 41 people out of a total of 54 people on board — also praised Amazon native Alfonso Saraiva, who led a group of three other passengers to find help.

They walked for three hours through rainforest and stifling heat until reaching a farm at Fazenda Cumare. From there they went to a nearby ranch which had a radio and called for help.

"I felt it was my duty and that I had to try," Saraiva said. He told Reuters he had been used to the rainforest since his youth and this experience helped him find his way through the jungle to the farm, 360 miles (580 km) north of Brasilia.

"To this young man we owe our lives," said 25-year-old merchant Roberto Regis.

Saraiva, a 19-year-old and unemployed, took the Boeing 737 in search of a better life in the city of Belém.

Saraiva returned to the survivors after his mission.

"We survived just on water, the food on the plane went rotten," said stewardess Solange Pereira de Mello, who praised "the miraculous skill and courage of our captain."

"Our captain carried on his shoulders, one by one, all the injured passengers" she said. "It was a miracle."

Man survives in wilderness for 53 days

YELLOWKNIFE, Northwest Territories, Sept. 8. (AP) — A 24-year-old West German man says he learned the meaning of life after being stranded in the unforgiving, bush of the Northwest Territories for 53 days.

Ralf Dobrovolsky lived for weeks without food and then managed to sustain himself with only berries, pinecones and grass.

The five-foot-six (167 cm) Dobrovolsky weighed less than 111 pounds (50 kgs) when a Finnish nature photographer canoeing the Yellowknife river came upon him, starving and hallucinating.

"Please help me, don't go away, help me," reads the rough English translation of Dobrovolsky's Aug. 16 entry in his trip diary.

Those were the words he cried out as he heard a noise outside the tent where he lay. "I opened the entrance, and a head with a red beard was stuck into my tent. A hand followed."

"How can I help you?" Martti Kolkka, the Finnish rescuer, had said to him.

Dobrovolsky wrote that he grabbed the hand and pressed it against his face and forehead, unable to believe the man was not another deception.

"It's a miracle he ran into somebody," said Dr. Peter Kallos, who Tuesday gave Dobrovolsky his first medical examination since the emaciated man returned Aug. 22 to Yellowknife.

Dobrovolsky, who is trying to obtain a working visa for Canada, said he must return to the bush to use the things he learned during his ordeal and from his experienced rescuer — now making his way back to Finland.

In an interview he said his brush with death taught him that the "small things in life," such as playing cards with friends or attending a family birthday, are in fact the reason for life itself.

"In Germany we say the small things in life are like the salt in the soup. All bodies like these small things but nobody knows how important these small things are."

Kallos said Dobrovolsky was lucid but "emotionally distraught" on Tuesday.

Senate passes Disabilities Act

Disabled Americans' right to employment guaranteed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. (AP) — The Senate has approved legislation to guarantee 43 million disabled Americans — including most AIDS victims — rights to employment, transportation and the use of restaurants and other businesses.

As lawmakers debated the bill, sign language interpreters were allowed on the Senate floor for the first time in the institution's history to make the proceedings understandable to deaf audiences watching in the galleries and on television.

The measure was approved on a 76-8 vote and

must now go to the House of Representatives, the second legislative chamber of Congress, for consideration. In general, before a bill can become law in the United States, it must be approved by the entire Congress and signed by the President.

Supporters compared the "Americans with Disabilities Act" to the Civil Rights Act 25 years ago that guaranteed blacks and other minorities their right to participate fully in US society.

Critics, including the US Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business, say the legislation is essentially an "invisible tax" on businesses and that it will be open to court challenges for decades.

Sen. David Pryor joined in the criticism even though he is a co-sponsor, saying the bill is full of pitfalls and "we must begin to look between the covers at what we are going to do with this legislation."

Critics hope they can change the provisions when the four separate house committees begin considering the legislation, which all sides expect will be enacted and signed before the end of the year.

IN BRIEF

US teacher stabbed: A 12-year-old boy was arrested in connection with the fatal stabbing of a primary school teacher, police said Wednesday.

The boy, whose name was not released because of his age, was being held at Tarrant County Juvenile Detention Centre, police said, but it was not known when he would be formally charged. (AP)

Man in culvert rescued: A man who fell into an 8-foot-deep drainage culvert lived there for a week without food, water or sleep but said he never gave up hope he would survive.

"I prayed to God. You better believe I prayed to God," William Logsdon, 56, said in a telephone interview from his hospital room. "But I never thought I would die. I knew I would get out. I always had hope." (AP)



Quiet cats

Two rare snow leopard cubs manage to sit still long enough to have their pictures taken at the San Diego Zoo Sept. 7. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pregnant woman assaulted: A pregnant woman was abducted off the street, taken to an apartment and sexually assaulted by nine men and women for six hours, police said yesterday.

The attackers also beat and tore lumps of hair out of the 25-year-old victim, who is seven months pregnant, said officer Clyde Brandenburger. He said they used no weapons.

The victim was treated for bruises at Jackson Park Hospital and released, said nursing supervisor Edna Sistrunk. She said she couldn't comment on the status of the pregnancy, but detective Ray McNally said he believes the fetus survived. (AP)

Takeoff despite warning: The pilot of a Soviet-made jetliner that crashed over the weekend in the worst air disaster in Cuban history took off despite control tower warnings of bad weather, the Prensa Latina news agency reported yesterday.

Authorities in Havana said bad weather and the pilot's decision to fly against the advice of the control tower were primary causes of the crash, which killed 125 people in the aircraft and 45 on the ground, the official Cuban news agency said. (UPI)

Black judge assigned: The normal random rotation of judges was bypassed and a black judge assigned to the case of a black man slain Aug. 23 by a gang of whites in Brooklyn's Bensonhurst section, a court spokeswoman said yesterday.

Justice Thaddeus Owens, 70, will take over the murder case on Sept. 18, spokeswoman Mary de Bourbon said.

Owens, an Arkansas native who has said an uncle was the victim of a lynch mob, is one of three blacks among the 42 state supreme court justices in Brooklyn. (AP)

Syphilis found in mummified body: The mummified corpse of a 16th-century Italian beauty has revealed a syphilis ulcer, the first discovery of the disease in the body tissue of ancient human remains, a British medical magazine said today.

The Lancet said the mummy of Maria d'Aragona (1503-1568), exhumed in a Naples Abbey, had a linen bandage entwined with ivy leaves on the left arm which bound a still-aromatic vegetable and sulphur poultice to the ulcer.

Researchers at the University of Pisa who made the discovery said in the magazine that the woman was famed for her beauty and belonged to renaissance intellectual and religious circles. (Reuters)

Feline FIV: One cat in 20 in Britain has an AIDS-like virus, according to new figures published here today.

The infected cats can go on to develop the full-blown AIDS, as with people who are HIV positive.

The feline-immune deficiency virus, FIV, is particularly found in sick cats taken by their owners to vets.

Almost one sick cat in five, 18 per cent, is estimated to be FIV positive, the annual congress of the British Veterinary Association in Glasgow, Scotland, was told.

FIV has been found in the cat populations of Europe, the US, Australia and Japan. (KUNA)

Health report: Fat babies are much less likely to die from heart disease in later life, medical researchers here have revealed.

They established after a study of 5,654 men that those with the lowest weights at birth and at one year had the highest death rates from heart diseases, the British media reported.

Men who were big babies of above average weight were significantly less at risk, according to the study by doctors at the Medical Research Council's unit in Southampton, southern England.

It showed that the men who weighed 18 pounds or less at one year had a death rate 11 per cent higher than average. (KUNA)

Spaceship docks: A Soviet spaceship carrying two Soviet cosmonauts docked with the space station Mir today, the official news agency Tass said.

Tass said the spacecraft linked up with the space station at 0225 am Moscow time (2225 GMT).

The TM-8 spacecraft carrying mission commander Alexander Viktorov and flight engineer Alexander Serebrov took off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Central Asia on Wednesday, resuming the Soviet Union's manned space programme after a break of five months. (Reuters)

City sued: The US Justice Department has sued Oakland, California, for declaring itself a nuclear-free zone.

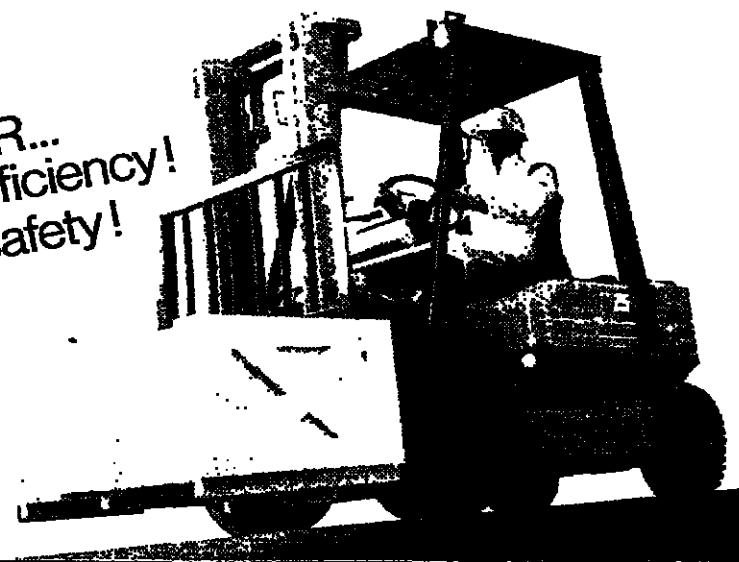
In the first direct challenge to the 160 cities which have issued such declarations, the department said Oakland's declaration disrupts federal policy and interferes with military and civilian activities relating to nuclear weapons.

Oakland's year-old anti-nuclear ordinance requires 45 days' notice to be given by anyone wanting to move hazardous materials within city boundaries. It prohibits Oakland from dealing with companies that make nuclear weapons. (Reuters)

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INTERNATIONAL

Nam summit ends with compromises

New economic group launched

BELGRADE, Sept. 8, (Agencies): The Non-Aligned Movement ended its ninth summit early today after a round of frenzied activity aimed at forging a consensus on issues ranging from the Middle East conflict to drug trafficking.

The session passed a final declaration and adopted 30 political and economic resolutions dealing with such topics as the civil war in Afghanistan and the problem of terrorism.

Many of the resolutions were compromises, reflecting the deep divisions among members of the movement.

The summit demanded the immediate freeing of all hostages, and stressed that links are growing between terrorists, rightists paramilitary groups and drug smugglers.

The majority throughout the four-day meeting resisted attempts by a group of radical countries to introduce cold war rhetoric into the proceedings.



Grieving relatives of Suleiman Martin, who was killed, when police opened fire in the township of Mitchell's Plain. (Reuters wirephoto)

Police kill 29 black activists

Polls violence

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 8, (Agencies): A government official today accused anti-apartheid leaders of lying when they blamed police for more than 20 deaths during anti-election protests. Activists stuck by their claims and demanded the official's ouster.

The Rev. Allan Boesak and other activists told a news conference they knew of 29 people killed in the Cape Town area in election-related violence Wednesday night. The figure was an increase of the 23 people activists said yesterday had died.

"The evidence points to the fact that the violence in all these areas was instigated by police," said Boesak, who called for the dismissal of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Vlok said in a statement that Boesak and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu were trying to capitalise politically on the violence that occurred this week in mixed-race townships near Cape Town.

Vlok also claimed 26 policemen were injured in unrest late Wednesday and early Thursday following elections for the white, mixed-race and Indian chambers of Parliament.

Vlok expressed his "deepest condemnation about the lies and the manner in which the two church leaders have attempted to make political gains from the unrest."

Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, had said yesterday that acting President F.W. de Klerk "now sits in a pool of blood" because police had opened fire on anti-election protesters.

According to Vlok, police knew of 15 unrest deaths in the Cape Town area Wednesday

night, 10 of them attributed to black factional fighting in the township of Khayelitsha. He said the other five deaths were being investigated.

Earlier, Vlok's spokesman, Brig. Leon Mellet, challenged Tutu and Boesak "to produce the evidence which they used as the basis for telling the world that the presidential seat of the acting state president was dripping with blood because of the alleged deaths of 23 people in the Cape on election night."

While the number of deaths remains "in dispute, hospital officials have confirmed that dozens of people were treated for gunshot wounds sustained during the disturbances."

About 180 lawyers, law professors and law students held a demonstration today in downtown Cape Town to denounce police violence.

Prior to the protest, anti-apartheid lawyer Dullah Omar said police brutality "reached unprecedented heights" this week.

A United Nations panel today urged the international community to impose tougher economic sanctions on South Africa to combat apartheid, including restrictions on trade credit.

The group, appointed by UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, published its recommendations to the UN General Assembly after three days of public hearings in Geneva on transnational corporations in South Africa.

Anglican Bishop Simeon Nkomo, a dedicated anti-apartheid activist and colleague of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, has died of cancer. He was 60.

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It's Lubbers again

Mediator named

THE HAGUE, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Dutch Queen Beatrix today named an outgoing minister as mediator in talks on forming a new government after general elections paved the way for a centre-left or centre-right coalition.

Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers' Christian Democrats retained all their 54 seats in the 150-member Parliament in elections on Wednesday, emerging the largest party but in need of at least one partner for a majority in Parliament.

After consulting with all parties that won seats, the queen asked Christian Democratic Social Affairs Minister Jan de Koning to study "which possibilities exist to form a cabinet that can expect fruitful co-operation with both houses of Parliament."

Under Dutch tradition, de Koning will survey the coalition possibilities and help private contacts to take place.

De Koning, who mediated after two previous elections, reports back to the queen who names a political leader, usually head of the largest party, to hold coalition negotiations.

The process has taken months in the past.

Lubbers has so far refused to say if he would prefer to rule with Labour, which won 49 seats, or continue in a coalition with the right-wing Liberal Party, who lost five of their 27 seats, and can help him only to a parliamentary majority of one.

Large East-West spy swap in the works

BONN, West Germany, Sept. 8, (AP): An East German lawyer is arranging a huge international spy swap involving convicted agents from nine countries, the West German newspaper Die Welt reported yesterday.

The conservative daily said East Berlin lawyer Wolfgang Vogel visited Israel last weekend to discuss the deal, which reportedly includes two Soviet spies serving long

sentences.

Die Welt said the nine countries involved in negotiations were the Soviet Union, United States, East Germany, Britain, South Africa, Israel, Norway, Iraq and West Germany.

West German government sources declined to comment on the report. Die Welt said Vogel also refused to

comment on the reported deal when asked by the newspaper for details.

Vogel, 63, has arranged other spy swaps in the past, including the 1986 exchange that allowed Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky to emigrate to Israel.

The newspaper said the latest exchange was planned for this autumn. Die Welt said that among the spies

whose exchange was being negotiated was Shabtai Kalmanovich, who was convicted in Israel of spying for the Soviet KGB and is serving a nine-year sentence. It also named a professor Glimberg, without giving his first name, who Die Welt said was an expert on chemical warfare. Glimberg was sentenced in 1983 to 18 years imprisonment in Israel for spying for the Soviets, the newspaper said.

German crisis takes a new turn

BERLIN, Sept. 8, (Agencies): The East German refugee crisis took a new turn today as all 116 people holed in Bonn's mission in East Berlin left the building, while West Germany's foreign minister said thousands of East Germans may soon leave Hungary for the West.

The mission said in a statement the 116 left after meeting with Wolfgang Vogel, a prominent lawyer who has in the past acted as an intermediary between the East German government and citizens seeking exit visas.

Vogel, a close adviser to East German leader Erich Honecker, recently met several leading West German politicians and officials.

The statement said a senior official of Bonn's Inner-German Affairs Ministry was also present at the meeting with the East Germans, who sought refuge in the mission more than one month ago in a bid to force Honecker's government to allow their emigration.

The statement said the East Germans had not been told they would be allowed to emigrate, but added that it expected the East German government to keep its promise not to persecute them.

It was not immediately clear whether the new turn in the refugee crisis was linked to recent high-level contacts between officials of the two Germanys, the latest of which took place yesterday.

News that the East Germans left the mission coincided with the broadcast of an interview with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who said he was hopeful thousands of East German refugees would soon be allowed to leave Hungary for the West.

"We can assume this will happen in the next few days," he said in reference to a long-awaited operation to evacuate the more than 6,000 refugees.

"I have strong confidence in the Hungarian leadership and am confident that a solution will be found," he said in the interview with West German television.

But he rejected reports that West Germany and Hungary had reached a secret deal to enable the East Germans to cross to the West.

"That is the own sovereign decision of the Hungarian government," he said.

The expected evacuation, which some observers speculate may involve up to 20,000 East Germans, is largely expected to be the largest exodus since Soviet-backed East German troops built the Berlin Wall, Aug. 1961.

Last month 108 people who sought refuge in the West German embassy in the Hungarian capital of Budapest were evacuated to the west in an international Red Cross-backed operation.

About 300 more are still holed up in Bonn's embassy in the Czechoslovak capital of Prague.

In Bonn government spokesman Hans Klein earlier accused East Germany of giving a distorted account of their talks on the refugee crisis.

He denied a report by East Germany's official news agency ADN that Bonn was advising East Germans occupying its diplomatic missions to return home.

"This is false," he told a news conference. "The West German government takes the view that the decision whether to stay in the permanent mission (in East Berlin) or to leave it must be taken by the people concerned."

Klein said the ADN report, published in the Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland, was one-sided and misleading.

All of the 116 East Germans occupying Bonn's mission in East Berlin left it today, but several hundred more remain in its Prague and Warsaw embassies, refusing to leave until they are promised exit visas.



Waiting game

An East German child plays with a cat he adopted at the Zugliget camp in Budapest on Sept. 7. (Reuters wirephoto)

French politician quits: French far-right politician Claude Autant-Lara resigned his seat in the European parliament today leaving France in a storm over his anti-Jewish diatribe this week.

With angry reactions continuing over his remarks, the acclaimed film-director of the 1940s also resigned his membership of the French Academy of Fine Arts at the request of the elite body, the academy said.

Politicians from left and right have unanimously denounced the aged member of the ultra-right National Front for the magazine interview in which he dubbed the Nazi Holocaust a pack of lies. (Reuters)

Figure-head auction: A figure-head from a flagship of Admiral Horatio Nelson, England's greatest naval hero, will come under the hammer in London next month. Auctioneers Christie's said today the figure-head of the warship Medusa, depicting the mythological creature of the same name with snakes swirling around her head and waist, could fetch up to 12,000 pounds sterling (\$18,600).

Nelson sailed aboard the Medusa during an unsuccessful attack on the French Port of Boulogne in 1802. (Reuters)

Greek elections: Greece's conservative-communist coalition government yesterday announced a general election will be held on November 5, the second this year.

Government spokesman Nikos Linardatos told reporters the conservative New Democracy Party and the leftist coalition which supports the government had agreed on the date.

The two parties joined forces in July after inconclusive elections on June 18 with the sole aim of investigating former socialist ministers alleged to have been involved in a series of financial scandals. (Reuters)

Spanish floods: Two campers and a motorist drowned in a flash flood in Spain yesterday and three Moroccan migrant workers died when their bus skidded off a wet road.



Making money

Jim Bakker speaks to newsmen as he enters his car after leaving Federal Court.

Former employees testified that television evangelist Bakker knowingly sold more memberships in his Theme Park than could be accommodated and offered a luxury car to whoever sold the most.

The ex-employees testified after Federal Judge Robert Porter ordered the trial to resume following a five-day break while Bakker underwent mental tests.

Sally Johnson, a psychiatrist who examined the evangelist, said Bakker was not hallucinating when he reported seeing huge ants with antennae outside the courthouse last week.

She said Bakker was only having an anxiety attack brought on by the stress of the trial, and the ants were in fact a swarm of reporters and television technicians with headphones.

"Mr Bakker is strong enough to handle the trial process. He does not have an underlying psychiatric disorder. He has the capacity to go through with it," she said.

The Bakker case, with its elements of religion, money and sex, has become almost a national soap opera.

The deaths take to 14 the toll from flooding caused by torrential rain in the past three days.

The flash flood occurred at a camping site at Mazarron, near Murcia in south-eastern Spain. The motorist was on a road nearby when her car was swept away. (Reuters)

Bush denounces President George Bush denounced a House of Representatives-passed defence bill as "totally unacceptable" yesterday and accused the chamber of holding the defence budget hostage to \$20 billion in "unsubstantiated" claims.

In a speech the American legion veteran group, the president said people in the United States deserve protection from both "the fear of war abroad (and) the fear of drugs and crime at home."

But he claimed that the national defence was threatened by the house version of a defence spending bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. A house-senate conference committee begins work on a compromise version today. (AP)

Menem to pardon: Argentine President Carlos Menem will grant pardons to Army officers who staged three recent rebellions against civilian authorities when he returns from a trip to the United States in October, a leading Argentine newspaper said today.

Asked by the daily La Nacion when he would grant pardons for the dissenting officers, Menem said: "I will announce the pardons in October, when I return from the United States."

Menem is due to travel to the UN general assembly in New York later this month and meet the President George Bush on September 27. (Reuters)

French Jew suggests: A French Jewish leader suggested today the Polish Roman Catholic church should remove a large cross from Auschwitz if it wants to resume talks with Jews on the future of a convent outside the former death camp.

Poland's Catholic bishops, bowing to Jewish protests over the continued presence of the Carmelite Convent beside the walls of Auschwitz, offered on Wednesday to open new talks with Jewish leaders.

But Theo Klein, who negotiated an 1987 accord with the Catholic church to remove the nuns, told Reuters that the Jewish community expected a strong gesture from the Catholic establishment before resuming talks. (Reuters)

Charged with perjury: The brother-in-law of Mexico's former president has been charged with perjury nearly a month after he was taken into custody for questioning as a material witness in the slaying of a US drug agent.

Ruben Zuno Arce, 59, was accused in the US indictment yesterday of lying when he told a federal grand jury in Los Angeles that he did not know two alleged Mexican drug figures charged in the killing of US agent Enrique Camarena.

In his grand jury testimony, he apparently denied knowing Rafael Caro Quintero and Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo, Zuno, a prominent Mexican businessman, was arrested Aug. 9 in San Antonio, Texas, by US immigration officials and brought to Los Angeles to testify as a material witness in the 1985 killing of Camarena. (AP)

Unrealistic plans: Vice-President Dan Quayle said Wednesday that the Reagan administration's "Star Wars" anti-missile plan was never realistic and has been scaled down.

"We have redefined Star Wars and put it into missions, requirements, doctrine and strategy much differently than we did in the early 1980s," Quayle said during an interview with the Los Angeles Times' Washington Bureau.

Instead of the system that President Ronald Reagan said could protect US cities from nuclear attack, George Bush's administration is supporting a plan called "Brilliant Pebbles," the vice-president said in a story published in yesterday's editions on the newspaper. (AP)

Mass Chile resignation: All 47 of the Chilean Army's generals resigned Wednesday to allow Augusto Pinochet "to reorganise the high command" of the service, the government announced.

The unprecedented mass resignation came at the end of a four-hour meeting of the army qualification board headed by Pinochet, who is both president and army commander.

Sejm begins cabinet debate

WARSAW, Sept. 8, (AP): Parliamentary committees began hearings today on a proposed government that would give Solidarity authority over foreign affairs and the broadcast media while allowing the Communist Party to retain control of the police and military.

The specific nominations by Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki have not been officially announced. But news reports and interviews with sources indicated the Sejm, one of two parliamentary chambers, would vote on Tuesday on a cabinet dominated by the independent trade union movement.

Under the reported proposals of Mazowiecki, the first non-communist prime minister in the Soviet bloc, the trade union would have 12 cabinet posts and the communists would have five.

The Solidarity-allied United Peasant and Democratic parties would have four and two cabinet-level posts, respectively. The exact final size of the cabinet was still uncertain, however.

The Sejm committees planned to meet through the weekend. Mazowiecki was expected to outline his government's programme in a Sejm speech on Tuesday, when the chamber was scheduled to vote on the cabinet.

Mazowiecki proposed a cabinet in a letter to the Sejm speaker yesterday.

The Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu, the pro-Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza and the state Pap news agency each published lists that varied from each other. Government and parliamentary sources also provided slightly varying lists.

The general shape of the proposed government called for Solidarity to run six government departments, or ministries, according to an unofficial list of nominees compiled yesterday and today from government and parliamentary sources.

Solidarity also would have at least six minister-without-portfolio spots on the cabinet, called the council of ministers, for a total of 12 votes.

The independent trade union movement had been expected to get five such posts, but the national news agency Pap reported today the nomination of Jerzy Ossiatynski, a Solidarity parliament deputy, as head of the central planning office.

One woman was among the nominees whose names have been publicly mentioned: Proposed Culture Minister Isabella Cywinska, a prominent theatre director.

The post of foreign minister would be given to Krzysztof Skubiszewski, a lawyer close to the Roman Catholic church.

West German industrialists and bankers told Warsaw that they want to help revive their country's battered economy, but said Poland was expecting too much too soon.

Chinese deported

TOKYO, Sept. 8, (AP): Japanese authorities today ordered 104 Chinese to be deported for illegally entering Japan by boat, and a Japanese man arrested for acting as an employment broker for illegal foreign workers, officials said today.

Today's deportation order brings to 657 the number of Chinese ordered to return home this year after coming to Japan seeking work, many of them posing as Vietnamese refugees.

The Japanese government, which has not in the past screened boat people to distinguish political refugees from economic migrants, is planning to tighten its policy.

Some of the Chinese landing in Japan carried an address belonging to a Japanese man believed to be a gangster, according to the mass-circulation Mainichi Shinbun.

Today, immigration authorities ordered the deportation of 104 Chinese who arrived in Kumamoto prefecture.

Crown Prince Naruhito still searching for a bride

TOKYO, Sept. 8. (AP) Japan's most eligible bachelor, Crown Prince Naruhito, is looking for a bride. But the heir to the chrysanthemum throne has discovered it's not easy finding a woman both willing and suited to marry into the world's oldest royal family.

Four years ago, upon his return from postgraduate history studies at Oxford University's Merton College, the

Prince said he would like to marry by age 30, a milestone he reaches in February.

But few palace watchers expect the Prince to achieve that goal, despite his obvious assets — he's the eldest son of Emperor Akihito, has an excellent education and enjoys foreign travel.

Women who appreciate culture might be interested in knowing he plays

the viola. For sporty types, the prince is an avid mountain climber and enjoys tennis.

"We are trying to realise (his marriage) as soon as possible, but have not yet reached a point where we can speak of any particulars," Taro Miyao, deputy head of the Imperial Household Agency, told a parliamentary committee Aug. 29.

Miyao's comment on Naruhito's nuptial difficulties was prompted by news a few days earlier that Prince Aya, Naruhito's younger brother, was engaged and likely to marry first.

The idea of 23-year-old Aya, second in line to the throne, marrying before his elder brother was met with considerable opposition from palace conservatives, one palace source said.

"But the crown prince seems to be in no hurry, and hasn't found the right woman yet," the source said, requesting anonymity.

A formal palace announcement on Aya's engagement will be made after it is approved by the 10-member Imperial Council, headed by Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu. It is scheduled to meet Sept. 12.

Newspapers dug up high school album photographs of Kiko Kawashima and even published diagrams of her family tree, complete with detailed profiles going back four generations when it was discovered she will marry Aya.

Miss Kawashima comes from a good, but common, family, they said.

Delhi, Colombo agree on pullout

Premadasa calls all-party meeting

NEW DELHI, Sept. 8. (UPI) Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today said India and Sri Lanka have reached "a good agreement" over a diplomatic dispute sparked by Colombo's demand for a withdrawal of all Indian troops from the island's Tamil-dominated northeast.

Rajiv, speaking upon his arrival in New Delhi about the results of the four-day long summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Belgrade, also said he and King Birendra of Nepal had agreed to hold further talks to resolve a protracted bilateral trade dispute.

Both Nepal and Sri Lanka used the summit to deliver statements clearly criticising India's increasingly assertive role in South Asia in a strategy apparently aimed at embarrassing India at the conference, where charges of expansionism, colonialism and imperialism are usually levelled at Western nations.

Reporters asked Rajiv whether his discussions with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne had brought any solutions to an impasse over India's refusal to extract its forces from Sri Lanka, despite a June 1 request by President Ransinghe Premadasa.

"We have reached what we feel is as good an agreement," Rajiv said, adding that Wijeratne would deliver the new plan hammered out in Belgrade to Premadasa, who must then respond before India would divulge any details.

India has some 61,000 personnel holding about 30 per cent of Sri Lanka's territory to enforce a plan Colombo signed with New Delhi in July 1987 which aimed at ending a rebellion by the island's Hindu Tamil minority.

Premadasa holds the pact gives him the right to request the Indians to leave, but New Delhi spurned his call that all its forces depart by July 29, saying its troops must remain until it has guarantees that Tamils have adequate security from government troops, who are from the Buddhist Sinhalese majority.

Wijeratne, without naming India, declared during the summit yesterday that "we cannot justify a situation where domestic political compulsions in a state are recklessly pursued beyond its borders in a manner that jeopardises the stability and peace of other states."

"The principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states is one we must uphold in all situations," the Sri Lankan delegate said in a statement about Cyprus, which observers held as a precedent for Indo-Sri Lankan relations. "The presence of foreign troops ostensibly as a means of protecting the interests of a community claiming to be aggrieved, cannot be justified."

Rajiv told reporters he had "close talks" with Birendra late yesterday on the total gamut of Indo-Nepalese relations, which have plummeted since the March expiration of trade and right-of-transit treaties that sanctioned the flow of imports across India to the landlocked Himalayan kingdom.

Officials from both nations

Pure gold Busto on sale

TOKYO, Sept. 8. (Reuters) For the Japanese rich who have lost interest in plebeian gold coins or bars, a Tokyo jeweller is selling massive made-to-order busts of pure gold.

"On the back of booming jewellery business, we thought it would sell fairly well," said Toshio Saito, managing director of Yamazaki Co. Ltd.

Estimated cost for a standard size 21-cm high bust with three kg (6.7 pounds) of gold is about 11.5 million yen (\$78,600).

Saito said he first got an idea of starting the business when a new religious sect ordered a gold bust of its founder.

2 students killed in Dhaka clashes

DHAKA, Sept. 8. (Reuters) Two Bangladesh students were killed and 30 injured in clashes between rival opposition factions battling for control of schools and colleges, police said today.

Another student was shot dead earlier this week and a man was killed and nearly 240 injured in similar clashes last month between four groups — Awami League, Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the Freedom Party.

Police said Mohammad Liton, a BNP supporter, was shot dead by students of the Muslim fundamentalist Jamaat in Comilla yesterday. Authorities shut all educational institutions in the town to avert further violence and called in extra police to guard government buildings and business centres.

An Awami League student

Opposition criticises New Zealand's frigate purchase

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sept. 8. (AP) The government's decision to buy into a costly Australian Navy frigate programme drew a sharp reaction today, with critics saying it amounted to a backdoor return to the ANZUS Alliance.

Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer committed New Zealand yesterday to spending \$552 million on two German Meko-design frigates being built in Australian shipyards.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke had warned that traditionally close ties between the two South Pacific neighbours would inevitably deteriorate if New Zealand did not join the project.

Ruth Dyson, president of New Zealand's Labour Party, said New Zealand had knuckled under to Australian bullying. She predicted an outcry similar to that when the public felt the United States was being heavy-handed over New Zealand's anti-nuclear policy.

The United States severed defence ties with New Zealand after Wellington, under the leadership of David Lange, introduced its anti-nuclear policy in 1984. Under it, nuclear-powered or -armed US warships would not be allowed to make port calls.

The United States, as a matter of policy, does not disclose the presence of strategic weapons on its

naval vessels.

Palmer, who succeeded Lange last month, has vowed to pursue the policy, which caused the collapse of the ANZUS Alliance.

Labour had opposed the frigate purchase, citing the cost and saying it was a ploy to get New Zealand back into an alliance with the US and Australia.

Palmer, however, said the project was in "the best interests of New Zealand."

Australia last month contracted to build eight frigates worth \$2.6 billion in the country's biggest-ever defence contract. New Zealand is buying two, with an option for two more.

Chinese bid to beat the ban

BEIJING, Sept. 8. (Agencies) Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Xueqian will visit India soon in the first high level visit to New Delhi in eight years as part of Beijing's bid to counter Western sanctions, diplomats said today.

They said that Wu, "who holds a special portfolio for foreign affairs and previously served as foreign minister, would make a 'goodwill visit', probably in October.

Western countries have halted all senior level contacts with Beijing since the Chinese military crackdown of student-led protests for democracy in June.

In response, Beijing has turned to its traditional allies, such as countries in Africa, and to some former foes — like India.

China and India clashed along their border in 1962 and still claim large tracts of each other's territory.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi visited China last December, the first by an Indian leader in 34 years.

Wu had visited India twice in the 1950's as head of the Communist Youth League.

Chinese dissidents who fled after the government's anti-democracy crackdown three months ago announced plans on Thursday to set up an opposition-in-exile later this month at a world congress in Paris.

A spokesman told Reuters that the Sept. 22-24 congress would bring together 150 dissident intellectuals and students to form the Front for Democratic China (FDC).

The Sorbonne University was a possible site, he added.

The announcement coincided with a prediction by Chen Yizhi, the most senior Chinese official who fled to the West, that the current regime would fall in three years.

Newton, Massachusetts: Wu's Kaidi was a promising student at Beijing normal university when the June events at Tiananmen Square thrust him into the reform movement's forefront and then into a flight for his life.

Wu's 21, is now at Harvard University, where he will try to keep the movement alive. He knows he may have started a life of permanent exile, but he told the Associated Press on Wednesday that the horror of watching his friends massacred will keep him going.

Despite its ban on high-level contacts with Chinese authorities, the administration of President George Bush plans "working level discussions" this month with Chinese officials on that nation's bid to join an international trade body, a US official said in Washington on Wednesday.

No firm date has been set for the meeting. However, an official at the office of the US trade representative described the planned session as a regular bilateral consultation on Chinese efforts to accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or GATT.

In Beijing, authorities repeated today their demand that rioters give themselves up and hand in weapons taken from troops in June, as the capital began preparations for the 40th anniversary of communist rule.

The Beijing daily reprinted a June notice offering rewards for informers and stern punishment for "counter-revolutionary rebels" who failed to give themselves up, suggesting anti-government resistance was continuing despite a three-month-old crackdown.

China televised today the trial of 14 "counter-revolutionaries" accused of stealing guns from troops during clashes last June.

Soviet Vice President Anatoly Lukin will pay an eight-day official visit to China from next Monday, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

Manila rebels step up offensive 11 soldiers killed

MANILA, Philippines, Sept. 8. (AP) Communist rebels killed 11 soldiers, including an army captain, in a series of provincial attacks, bringing to 24 the number of troops slain this week, the military said today.

A military report said rebels opened fire on an army jeep yesterday at the outskirts of Subukong town, 750 kilometres (470 miles) southeast of Manila, killing eight members of the regional special action force.

The leader of the group, Capt. Innocencio Luisma, was among those killed, the report said.

Three army sergeants were also slain yesterday during a clash with the communist New People's Army.

On Sunday, rebels ambushed a convoy of army engineers working on a highway construction project in Quezon, killing 13 soldiers.

Communist leaders have recommended trials for rebel officers and gunmen involved in the massacre of 39 villagers last June, according to a guerrilla statement obtained yesterday.

The communist-led national Democratic Front said it had finished an inquiry into the June 25 killing of worshippers in a remote mountain village outside Digos municipality.

The front said in the report, dated Aug. 21, blamed a platoon of the regional guerrilla unit operating in Mindanao for the "Digos tragedy" and said they had failed to "exercise political wisdom and restraint."

Security forces have detained two Dutch volunteer nurses working with a medical mission in a rebel-infiltrated area of central Philippines, health workers said yesterday.



Priests indicted

The Seoul prosecutor's office indicted two Roman Catholic priests on Thursday for sending a dissident fellow priest to escort a South Korean student home from an illegal trip to communist North Korea.

But the office suspended an indictment for another priest involved in the case and released him on the grounds that "he had repented and promised to engage in religious activity within the premise of law."

Priests Nam Kook-Hyun, 40, and Park Byong-Jun, 37, were charged with illegally sending father Moon Gyu-Hyon to accompany radical student Im Su-Kyong across the land border on Aug. 15.

The two indicted priests can be sentenced to up to seven years in prison each, if found guilty.

Ms. Im, 20, was to be formally indicted on Friday on charges of making an illegal trip to North Korea to attend a world youth festival there July 1-8, prosecution officials said. If found guilty, she could get up to 10 years in jail under the strict national security law. Ms. Im being taken to Seoul police station yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

China indicates

BEIJING, Sept. 8. (AP) China indicated yesterday it would not be part of an international group invited to observe the planned Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia, saying it should be conducted under UN supervision.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Li Zhaoxing, speaking at a weekly briefing, also said his country would continue its support of the Khmer Rouge-led resistance if war continues in Cambodia.

"People do not actually believe Vietnam will genuinely withdraw all its troops," Li said when asked if China would accept a Vietnamese invitation to concerned nations to observe the troop withdrawal planned Sept. 21-26.

Defector in Taipei

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Sept. 8. (AP) A Chinese pilot who flew a MIG-19 jet to Taiwan said yesterday he defected because of his contempt for the communist government following its crackdown on a pro-democracy movement.

Li Chiang Wen-Hao, 24, flew his fighter to the nationalist-held island of Quemoy Wednesday from Longji Airport in China's southern Fujian province, 9 kilometres (11.1 miles) away. The flight took 14 minutes.

Taiwan said it will pay him 2,000 taels (206 pounds) of gold, worth about 22 million Taiwan dollars (\$880,000) for defecting in the MIG-19 jet.

Customers retaliate

TAIPEI, Sept. 8. (Reuters) Seven people were killed and four injured in an arson attack by angry customers seeking revenge on a tea house hostess, police said today.

Police in Taoyuan said a hostess refused to go on a date with the customers. The men doused the floor of the tea house in the northern city with petrol and set it ablaze with firecrackers.

Many Taiwan tea houses, like the island's notorious barber shops, offer customers female companionship as part of the services.

Fire destroys

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept. 8. (AP) People died and almost 3,000 people were left homeless in a fire that destroyed more than 500 wooden houses near Tawau, 1,170 kilometres (730 miles) east of Kuala Lumpur, police said Wednesday.

Tawau police chief Chester Chong told the national news agency Bernama that a 50-year-old woman and five children drowned after the heat they boarded seeking to escape Tuesday night's blaze.

Police reported 538 houses destroyed in the fire, leaving 2,930 people homeless, including 465 locals and 2,465 foreigners, mostly Filipinos and Indonesians.

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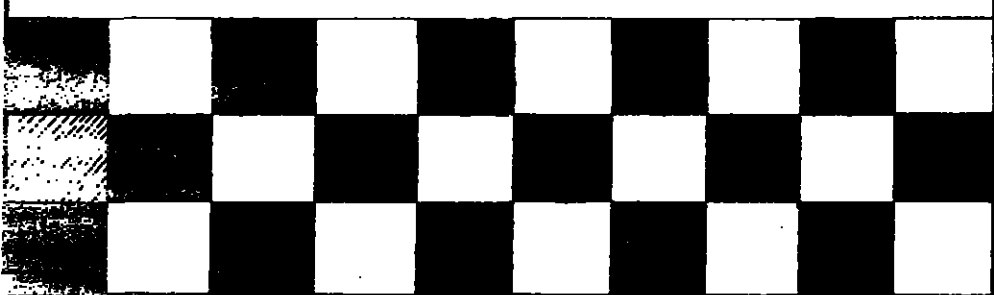
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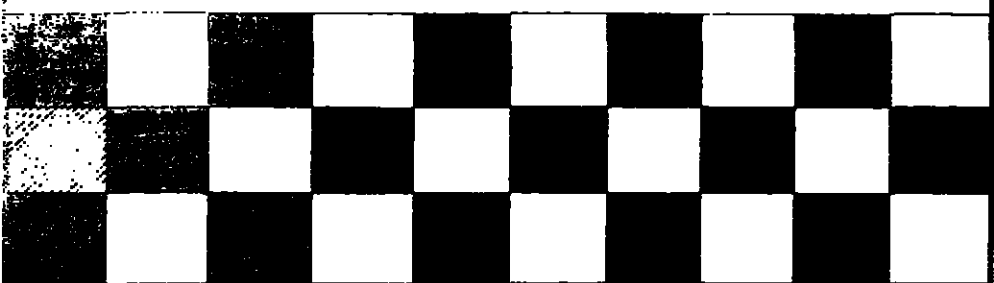
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Amir's debt initiative in Belgrade praised

Effective North-South dialogue requested

BELGRADE, Sept 8, (KUNA): Presidents of Argentina and Venezuela praised the initiative of HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah on solving the debt problem of Third World countries.

Argentinian President Carlos Menem, in an exclusive interview with Kuwait News Agency described the initiative of Sheikh Jaber as "constructive and sincere."

Menem added that HH the Amir had drawn up an effective solution for this complicated problem that threatens social and economic stability in Third World countries.

The president of Argentina stressed that his country values Kuwait's debt initiative. For his part the President of Venezuela Andreas Peres in a statement to KUNA,

praised the Amir's initiative, considering it a responsibility toward Third World people.

He added that the debt problem creates an imbalance in financial relations and destroys the confidence that should be shared between world countries toward activating the free movement of capital.

Peres called on the 9th summit conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, recently held in Belgrade, to take great interest in the world debt problem.

The Venezuelan president, whose country was admitted as member in the Non-Aligned Movement during the current summit said that his country supports every constructive initiative similar to that of Kuwait.

He also called for opening an effective dialogue between North and South on the

debt problem and means of solving it.

On the other hand, the Yugoslav external economic relations minister praised the Kuwaiti Amir's initiative, and added in a statement to KUNA that this initiative indicates wisdom, long-sightedness and strong sincerity toward sisterly and friendly countries that suffer from such a difficult problem.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Osaimi meanwhile has placed high importance on the current Non-Aligned Movement summit, which he described as a turning point in the movement's history.

In a statement to the Lebanese magazine 'Al Hawadeth' Osaimi queried whether Nam would continue its conventional way of dealing with world affairs following the two super power's rapprochement or it

would change its path to face such a new reality.

He added that the proposed views to resolve the Lebanese crisis are Arab views that aim at securing Lebanon's unity, security and stability.

Osaimi reiterated Kuwait's support for the Arab League Tripartite Committee on Lebanon. He added that Kuwait had received the committee's report on Lebanon and it is examining it.

The state minister further said the time was still early to talk about a new Arab summit, adding that the Lebanon's committee had only worked for three months.

He said that any solution to the Lebanese crisis cannot be obtained via the use of weapons, stressing that reaching a ceasefire in the war is essential in order to overcome any differences.

Amir's talks a success

KUWAIT, Sept 8, (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, proposals to end differences between Turkey and Bulgaria have been welcomed by leaders of the two countries. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said.

Rashed also said the talks were successful. Rashed told a local daily that the Amir's proposals were met with eagerness by both the heads of state.

The Amir in his capacity as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, will continue contacts with Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov and Turkish President Kenan Evren to end the differences between the two neighbouring countries on the Muslim minority of Turkish origin in Bulgaria through dialogue.

Rashed told another newspaper that Evren and Zhivkov had promised to solve all problems relating to the Muslim minority in Bulgaria through a dialogue.

The Kuwaiti minister did not rule out a future meeting among officials of Turkey, Bulgaria, Kuwait and the OIC to seek a speedy solution to the crisis.

The OIC will give Turkey \$250,000 to help the thousands of ethnic Turks.

Meanwhile, Bulgaria accused Turkey of straining bilateral relations by delaying the issue of entry visas to would-be immigrants.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Doctors' week

KUWAIT, Sept 8, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah will patronise the 10th Doctors' Week, organised by the Union of Kuwaiti Medical Students.

Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shammari will deputise for HH in attending the opening ceremony to be held at 4.30 pm tomorrow, (Saturday) at the medical college building in Jabriya.

Joxe arrives

PARIS, Sept 8, (KUNA): French Interior Minister Pierre Joxe arrived in Kuwait last night on a two-day work visit, the first of its kind for a French interior minister.

The visit aims at strengthening bilateral security co-operation. Joxe, who is accompanied by a delegation of security experts, praised relations between Kuwait and Paris, describing them as "friendly and go back a long way in time."

While hoping that his visit will yield the desired results, the French minister said that his talks with Kuwaiti officials come in completion to discussions held by a Kuwaiti delegation in Paris last year.

Pakistan exams

THE Supplementary Matriculation Examination, 1989 will be held at Pakistan Shaab School, Khaitan from Sept 13, 1989. As informed earlier all students appearing in the said examination may kindly contact the Embassy of Pakistan to collect their roll number slips.



Depositors waiting outside the exchange companies for their money.

Erring exchange firms face strict legal action

3,000 customers in speculation

THE undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Abdullah Al Hamad, has said that the ministry will take legal action against owners of money exchange establishments that violated the terms of licences given them by the ministry. He added the ministry will not hesitate in taking strict action against violating firms after ensuring the rights of citizens. The ministry had earlier warned citizens several times to desist from dealing with these establishments which have no right to accept and trade in deposits of customers, he said.

The assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Commercial Affairs Rashed Al Mijren has said that the ministry in co-operation with the Central Bank closed 20 money exchange establishments for violating the purposes of the licence. The violations cited were for accepting deposits, issuing cheques, post dated trading in currencies, renting the licences to others and trading in gold and silver.

The licence is issued to trade in currencies in the local market only. These 20 firms will remain closed till the Central Bank lists debts of customers after which the ministry will determine according to Article No. 14 of the commercial law whether these licences should be confiscated. The commercial formalities and deposits of the individuals will be transferred to the Kuwaiti courts for legal action against owners of these establishments.

Some of them will be charged for fraud. He stressed that the ministry will not confiscate licences of these establishments before restoring the financial rights of all customers.

Meanwhile, some of these customers said that they dealt with these establishments as they were

attracted by the high interest rates paid by the establishments. They called on the Ministry of Commerce to re-open the closed establishments for a limited period in order to get their money back. One of them said interest that were paid by money exchange establishments sometimes amounted to ten times more than interests of the local banks. The depositors received interest every two weeks and sometimes every month. Some customers have been dealing with these establishments for more than two years.

One customer wondered why the ministry closed the establishments now after two years. He also queried as to why they were not monitored and controlled by the Ministry of Commerce.

Another customer said that the ministry is supposed to issue a warning to these establishments one month before closing them to allow customers to reclaim their money. He added that he was unaware that these firms were violating the law.

Speculation

Seyassah reported that more than 3,000 customers were involved in dealing with these establishments, speculating in Arab and foreign currencies. Most of these speculations concentrated on the Iraqi dinar hoping that its price will increase after the cessation of the Iran-

Iraq war.

Some dealers claimed that they deposited hundreds of thousands of Iraqi dinars in these establishments. One of them claimed he deposited one million Iraqi dinars. Customers called on the ministry to restore their money and clear their accounts at these establishments. They wondered why the ministry allowed these establishments to transfer their money out of the country. Sources close to money exchangers claimed that establishments were investing the funds in direct investment projects and they will need time to realise their capital before restoring money to customers.

A dealer, Saad Ubada, said that he deposited 20,000 Iraqi dinars and got 107 Iraqi dinars as profits after two weeks only. But these customers did not ask themselves from where these establishments got these profits because they were only interested in getting profits, he said. Barrak Mutlaq said that he deposited all of his end of service gratuity that amounted to KD10,000, in one of these establishments. The amount was converted into Iraqi dinars and he got a receipt for the sum. Unfortunately for him the establishment was closed the next day. He added that money exchangers were supposed to be given a period of time to restore money to their customers.

Municipality confirms imported sheep control

AN official source at Kuwait Municipality was quoted as confirming the keenness of authorities to intensify health control on imported sheep to ensure that they are free of any disease.

In an interview with a local daily, an official said that the municipality would not be lenient with any violation in this respect to preserve lives of citizens and expatriates.

Meanwhile, the official denied that the municipality is responsible for sheep consignments coming through the sea. He commented that this is the responsibility of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources.

He clarified that the municipality's duty is primarily related to testing of sheep at the slaughterhouse either before or after the slaughtering process.

The official added that the municipality is supervising all the slaughter houses in the country and the current central slaughter house had been established 25 years ago to meet the country's requirements for slaughtering. However, in light of the increasing population the municipality has established several slaughterhouses in different areas such as Al Fahheel, Sahad Al Awazem, Al Jahra, Al Wafra and Falaika in order to ease the pressure at the Al Shuwaikh Central Slaughter House.

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3. If I take the case of the Ministry of Labour, I was told that I am not allowed to work until the case has been settled. Can I work with the new company?

4. Besides 15 days pay, what other benefits am I entitled to?

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3. You can file a case, asking for a release, but while the case is going on, you cannot work for the new sponsor.

4. This depends on whether you resigned or were terminated. If you were terminated, 15 days salary per year; and if you resigned, you'll get 7.5 days per year salary. You have the right to get 14 days vacation pay, if you did not take vacation earlier.

MY wife and I live in a mulla. In July, a thief broke into the house and took all the valuables, including cash. I immediately reported the matter to the nearest police station, and right away, they came and investigated everything. They took pictures of the broken door and everything else, and also took fingerprints. We're wondering why we have not received any report about whether the thief has been caught or not.

When do we know the results? Does it take more than a month? Does it need a follow-up? If we give them a suspect, what will they do with him?

AFTER the police lodges a theft report, they investigate it thoroughly, trying to find the thief. It takes a long period to find a culprit, in some cases, more than a month. When the police take a suspect into custody, or recover any of the valuables, they'll arrest the person. The police will get in touch with you to identify your belongings.

I'm presently working for my sponsor's company.

My children are schooling in India since 1987. I intend to bring my kids for a vacation for two months. They hold valid residence permits upto 1990. Can they travel with their existing residence or do I have to apply for a visit visa for them? Both children hold separate passports.

Mr D. Souza, we had inadvertently left out some part of the answer. A person's visa is automatically cancelled if he or she stays outside Kuwait for six months. In the case of students, if they hold valid residence permits and iqamas, a visa can be revalidated by applying to the Immigration Department. You'll have to obtain attested copies of their school certificates (attested by the Foreign Ministry of your country and the Kuwaiti embassy) and a permission to overstay can be granted by the Immigration Department. We regret any inconvenience our previous reply, published in Action Line, Aug 12, may have caused you.

I DRAW a monthly salary of KD625, and I wish to bring my wife to Kuwait. I read that the minimum salary ceiling for dependent visa is KD450 for the private sector and KD500 for the government. I want to know if this is the minimum salary for a person who wishes to bring his wife to Kuwait. Is it KD450 or KD500?

What is also the minimum salary for a person who wishes to transfer his wife's visa No. 20 to No. 22?

I'm seeking your advice to check with the authorities for such discrepancies that would only be misleading.

ACCORDING to Col Ahmed Wahib, director-general of the General Immigration Administration during an interview with one of the dailies in July, 1989, he said that there is no change in obtaining dependent visas for wives and children. Private sector employees must get a monthly salary of KD600 and KD450 for the government. Replying to your second query, a person cannot transfer his wife's visa No. 20 to 22. First she has to leave the country after cancelling her iqama and come back on a new visa No. 22. In this particular case the husband must earn a monthly salary of KD600 in the private sector and a KD450 in the public sector, through which he can sponsor his wife on his iqama.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1987 on domestic visa and worked for six years. In 1984 I joined a consultancy company and changed by visa to No. 18. Even though my residence belongs to the Ministry of Public Works, I would like to know, whether the new regulations (changing from public sector to private) will affect me?

FIRST, your residence visa is No. 18, which means you are working in the private sector. But your company that recruited you, is contracted by the Ministry of Public Works. Those who are working in the public sector hold visa No. 17 and not No. 18. In your case you are affected by the new regulations of labour law.

I AM an Indian working in Kuwait since 1981. In 1983, I had a very unpleasant experience, because I lost my passport in New York, USA. I obtained a new passport from my embassy. But immigration authorities at the airport in Kuwait refused my entry to the country. I showed them the photocopy of the old passport with valid residence, but it was not accepted.

I would like to know the following:
The exact procedure to be followed when the passport is lost in another country and the holder wants to obtain entry visa to Kuwait, since he is holding a valid residence and employed in the country.

FIRST, you did not specify what kind of visa you are holding. If it was visa No. 18 or 17, you should inform your sponsor to get you a visit visa in order to enter the country. A photocopy of the old passport is not enough. However we published extensive information in last week's edition on such cases.

After you enter the country with a visit visa provided by your sponsor, you should do the following:
You can approach the Immigration Department. First entry and residence are not transferred to the new passport without the following:

A letter from the sponsor stating that the passport was lost.
A letter from the holder of the missing passport stating that his old passport is missing.

Holder of the passport should present himself personally to the Immigration Department. The missing passport notice should be printed in the gazette 'Kuwait Al-Yaum' through the General Immigration Department, after a week of publishing the circulation, the holder of the passport, should obtain a second letter from his sponsor asking for transfer of residence to his new passport.

"NOTICE" in case of missing passport or being damaged or lost, the holder should notify the Immigration Department three days from date of loss or damage of the passport. This is according to Article (8) of Expatriate Residence Act Number 7 of the year 1959.

MY wife came to Kuwait in July 1978 on visa No. 22. In Jan 1979 her residence was transferred to No. 18, since she was employed. In Oct 1988 her residence was again transferred to No. 22, as she was released from her employer. Can she now transfer her visa No. 22 to visa No. 18, in case she gets a job in the private or public sector?

IT is better in your case to approach the Immigration Department and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to get the correct reply about the possibility of transfer since your wife has completed 10 years on a visa No. 18.

If you have a problem or need information on how to get things done drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023, Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions to us on Tel: 4847495.

Kuwait marks International Literacy Day

Tri-dimensional effort to fight illiteracy

KUWAIT, Sept 8, (Kuna): Under- secretary of education and chairman of the national committee to mark the International Literacy Day, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari today underlined Kuwait's support to current universal efforts to eliminate illiteracy.

In a statement to Kuna, Khodari indicated that Kuwait's efforts to stem the phenomenon are tri-dimensional, universal, regional and national.

He explained that at the world level, Kuwait is joining other world countries in the campaign to eradicate illiteracy, in response to UNESCO's call.

At the regional Arab level, the official said Kuwait is striving for implementation of an Arab literacy strategy in conjunction with the Arab League's Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALESCO) and the Arab League apparatus.

Khodari observed that at the national level Kuwait is co-ordinating, with Arab Gulf countries, to erase the greater part of this problem, adding that the ministry would be issuing at the beginning of 1990 an international booklet on literacy to help those working in the field.

He requested that people in Kuwait avail of the opportunity of the International Literacy Day to double efforts for implementing the planned target of eliminating illiteracy by the year 2000 and called for contribution by governmental and non-governmental institutions in the drive.

International Literacy Day, was initiated by UNESCO in 1967. This year's celebration, however, precedes the year 1990, declared by the UN in 1987, as the International Year for Literacy. This came in response to a call by the 23rd conference of UNESCO in 1985.

UNESCO, the world literacy institution formed in 1965, as well as world governments and people mass their efforts for ending illiteracy by the end of the century, and for freeing the world from poverty and sickness that in all threaten human existence.

UNESCO plans the holding of an international conference in Bangkok next March, for identifying the world's basic educational needs.

This will be coupled by an international educational conference, to be

held in Geneva during the same year 1990, to discuss illiteracy as well as age and sex priorities.

Within this context, UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayer appealed to member states, international governmental organisations, universities, syndicates, associations of all kinds, and more especially, young people of all countries, to support UNESCO's efforts to achieve a decisive victory over illiteracy, that represents a defiance to the world human rights convention.

Three UN agencies namely the World Bank, the UN Development Programme and the Children Care Fund, agreed to participate in the literacy campaign and to attend the upcoming Bangkok conference.

UNESCO and the three agencies agreed also to secure minimum 80 per cent of primary education in every world state. This is beside training adults and improving their professional skills.

1987 world statistics indicate that there are 889 million illiterates around the world. The said figure was expected to reach about 900 million or a billion in

1990. 98 per cent of illiteracy is in the Third World.

In Asia total illiterates were up to 666 million. Africa suffers the highest illiteracy rate of 54 per cent, compared to 36 per cent in Asia and 17 per cent in Latin America.

However, Third World countries did not cease the efforts to fight illiteracy whether through special programmes for teaching adults or through a wide-scale plan for teaching children.

Reportedly the total number of illiterates rose from 700 million in 1950, to 758 million in 1970, and to 824 million in 1980.

In a statement, UNESCO's director-general said last January 9, that the number of students in the developing countries rose 109 per cent during the period 1976-1986. However, this did not bring down the illiteracy rate, due to the remarkable birth rate increase.

Education experts said the four major illiteracy factors are namely weak comprehension of children at the compulsory educational age, dropping out of schools without having adequate education,

recourse to illiteracy by those who failed to complete basic education, as well as economic and social backwardness that forces families to send their children to work.

The said reasons assert that the economic problem is responsible for the continuance of illiteracy all over the world, that achieved super success at scientific and technological levels, culminated by sending astronauts to space and exploring other planets.

UNESCO's literacy expert Arthur Gillet assessed the per capita teaching cost at about \$200. This exceeds the average per capita income in most Third World states. Hence the poorest states demonstrate the highest level of illiteracy.

On the other hand, Third World oil states are the best examples to follow in overcoming illiteracy, within a short period.

In Kuwait, a 1965 law stipulated compulsory education starting from the six-year age-group. In 1981 an Amiri Decree called on all illiterates to register in literacy centres.

Continuous education registration opens today

THE second registration term at the Community Service and Continuous Education Centre of Kuwait University will begin today and will last until Sept 13, 1989. Classes are expected to open for students on Oct 7, 1989.

Assistant Director of the Community Service Affairs Department at Kuwait University, Jassem Al Matar stressed that the Community Service and Continuous Education Centre tries always to link the university with society through services offered to citizens and government establishments.

He added that the centres offers academic courses to individuals which includes different science, general knowledge and cultural fields, in addition to the fact that it prepares speciality courses with the co-operation of departments at ministries and establishments to train staff.

He indicated that a group of well-qualified teaching staff at the university and outside will participate in teaching, training and lecturing students.

Students interested in joining the Community Service Centre should be above 18 years of age and must bring with them their Civil ID cards.

Matar added that students should obtain a card showing their levels if they want to join linguistic or translation courses. He said that examinations to evaluate students will be held at the Commerce College building in Adailiya Sept 11-12, 1989.

The number of students in each semester has reached 2,500 from all age groups, Matar said. He stressed that the centre does not suffer any shortage in teaching staff.

Meanwhile, the Society Service and Continuous Education Centre at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) has announced that registration in courses and programmes offered by the centre for the fall session will be open as of today till Sept 20th at the Faculty of Commercial Studies of the authority in Hawalli area between 4-8 pm. Non-Kuwaitis will be registered from Sept 16-20.

The centre will offer courses in technology, human sciences, arts, commercial sciences, computer and health fields. The fees of each course or programme ranges between KD20 and KD35. Studying at these courses and programmes will commence Oct 7th and end Nov 28.

Meanwhile, the director of the centre Ghoulum Al Attar said that the centre for the first time will offer three programmes during the fall session which are Arabic for non-Arabs, jewellery course, journalism and advertising. The jewellery course is exclusively for women. It will provide women with valuable information about jewels in relation to quality, intrinsic worth, along with instructions to buy or sell and methods to use and preserve them. The journalism and advertising course aims at offering bases and principles of press and advertisement beside developing abilities of students.



Thief, accomplices arrested

HAWALLI securitymen arrested Dahi M., and S.R. both Sn Lankans and Ali G. a Bangladeshi, for stealing jewels and cash from a private house. The first accused, a lady, stole the jewels and the money from the house while the second and third accused helped her until they were arrested. The accused were later referred to concerned authorities for further investigations.

From the courts

5 years for sex with minor

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to five years imprisonment with labour to be followed by deportation for having illicit sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl. The girl was also sentenced to one year imprisonment to be followed by deportation.

The court was told that the girl who was working as a maid told her employer that her monthly course stopped. She also told him that she had an illicit relation with a man, who promised her marriage. She added that they had sexual intercourse several times in the house annexed until she became pregnant. The maid also confessed this to the police and so did the man.

The court accused the man of entering the house without the knowledge of its owner, and having sexual relations with a minor as the maid was under 21 years old. The maid was accused of allowing the man to enter the house and having an illegal relationship with him.

KD93,300 insurance awarded

THE Court of Higher Appeal upheld a verdict by the court of misdemeanours ordering an insurance company to compensate a man with KD93,300 after being knocked down by a speeding car. The court was told that the man was totally disabled and the medical commission estimated his disability at 100 per cent, since he cannot move, cannot eat, has no control over any of his natural powers.

The complainant's counsellor demanded a compensation of KD145,000 but the court allotted him only KD93,300.

Suspect abortionist acquitted

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court acquitted an Indian nurse who was charged with performing a number of abortions on pregnant women in return for financial gains, a local daily reported.

The court based its judgment on the fact that the secret investigation carried out by the relevant intelligence authorities are inconclusive as the investigations had based their case on locating some medicines and medical appliances at the residence of the defendant which could have been used for conducting abortions.

The detective who apprehended the defendant told the public prosecution that in the preliminary stages of the investigations it was determined that the accused was working as a nurse in her home country and presently she was unemployed and staying with her husband. She had failed to obtain a job at the Ministry of Public Health.

The defendant denied the charge and her defence council pointed out that the inspection process carried out by the detective was illegal.

15 years, fine for smuggler

ONE man was sentenced to 15 years in jail with hard labour and a fine of KD5,000 in addition to customs fees of KD10,000 by Kuwait's Criminal Court, a local daily reported.

The man who is a trafficker in drugs had been arrested for possessing about 46 bags of hashish along with two pistols and 39 bullets.

The court held its session under the chairmanship of Judge Khaled Al Mussallam with judges Ali Bu Gannaz and Mohammed Saifuddin presiding along with the representative of the Public Prosecution Khaled Al Jary.

Unleaded fuel plan to cost KD50m

Environment protection main objective

THE cost of producing unleaded fuel in Kuwait will amount to KD50 million and will have to be passed on to the customer at a rate of an extra five fils per litre, in addition to overheads resulting from technical modifications to distribution stations, according to studies conducted by the Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC).

Kuwait refineries produce unleaded fuel to be marketed in Europe, according to Ibrahim Al Hadi, Secretary of the Environment Protection Council. He added that the European Joint Market has taken a decision to the effect that by the 1990's Europe should be entirely serviced with unleaded fuel and in 1995, fuel containing lead will be completely stopped.

The official said that lead is added to fuel to improve combustion inside automobile engines. However, burning of lead in engines is the major cause of environment pollution, the official said.

Hadi said that cars operating with leaded fuel will not be able to operate efficiently on unleaded fuel and consequently in the coming years Kuwait will have to import automobiles which have been specially tailored to run on unleaded fuel. The main objective of the

Kuwait Environment Protection Council in producing this type of fuel in co-ordination with the Ministry of Oil and the petroleum establishments is to cut down on the rate of pollution caused by automobile combustion.

The official said that America, Japan and Europe have stringent regulations aimed at decreasing the levels of pollutants. To implement these measures, automobiles have been restricted to use only unleaded fuel. Consequently, automobiles have to be provided with oxidising catalysts in their exhaust systems. Other types of oxidising catalysts can reduce nitrogen oxides in the elements contributing positively to ozone gases.

Ozone gases are important to protect the earth from harmful radiation. However, he indicated that intake of highly concentrated ozone causes infection.

Hadi pointed out that Kuwait's atmosphere has a high rate of ozone caused by automobiles. Statistics registered in Kuwait indicate that the ozone level in Kuwait's atmosphere is double the amount permitted internationally by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Kuwait General Traffic Department only implements

standards specifically for Kuwait and the rest of GCC states. He said that these standards implemented locally are inadequate to realistically protect the environment due to the rapid expansion in transportation. Hadi indicated that measures adopted in Kuwait were taken according to Saudi standards implemented in the 1970's. He said that these measures are now obsolete due to increase in the number of automobiles adding that measures should be implemented to be in keeping with standards implemented by other advanced countries like America, Japan and Europe.

Hadi believes that to change such standards unleaded fuel should be used in all cars. The reason for not implementing such standards cannot be justified on the basis of economics, because both the government and citizens will be able to face such alterations and additional costs. He said that the Kuwaiti government subsidises fuel and will continue to do so to preserve the health of citizens which takes top priority.

Hadi stated that if the new standards are implemented, citizens will be able to obtain unleaded fuel within a three-year period.

Housing Week to be held early Oct

THE director of the design department at the National Housing Authority (NHA) and member of committee to celebrate the 4th Housing Week and Arab Housing Day, Yousef Abdul Rahim has said that NHA has invited all the GCC states to take part in celebrations of the 4th Housing Week that will start at the beginning of next month. He added that Bahrain agreed to attend the celebrations while NHA is still waiting for other GCC states to reply.

The first week was organised in 1985 and the second in 1986 and focused on the issue of housing.

A total of 45 companies specialised in building materials (selling and manufacturing) participated in the two previous celebrations by displaying their range of materials.

Rahim added that the third week was held last year which focused on reducing costs paid by citizens to make changes on government houses. The fourth week that will be held next month at Sabah Al Salem suburb centre will focus on methods to make the government house comfortable and beautiful.

Islamic charity meeting to be held October 25

THE chairman of the Islamic International Charity Organisation Yousef Al Hajji said that the 3rd meeting of the general assembly of the organisation will be held in Kuwait from October 25-27. The meeting will be attended by more than 160 Islamic personalities and will discuss the establishment of an investment company in Kuwait and supporting Islamic universities besides discussing closing of year-end accounts and approving the budget of the organisation.

Committees will be set-up to prepare for the meetings of the general assembly, Hajji said.

Hajji pointed out that the organisation will take part in the meeting of the Islamic International Council for Daawa (call to Islam) and Relief that will be held in Cairo at the end of this month. The council represents the Islamic Charity and Daawa Organisations and societies in the Islamic world. He added that the Kuwait joint committee for relief at the organisation held a meeting last week to discuss reports on building schools, mosques and digging water wells in Bangladesh and Sudan.

The committee heard a report on the suffering of the Lebanese people from the civil war and decided to open a separate account at Kuwait Finance House under the number of 2/15985 to receive contributions and donations for victims of the war there. The committee will start an informational campaign in Kuwait to support the Lebanese people, he said.

Meanwhile the undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Naser Al Hamdhan has said that the pilgrimage affairs committee has repaid the financial insurance of 26 pilgrimage caravans and referred some other caravans to the sub-committee that investigates violations committed by the caravans during the last pilgrimage season.



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Rift with US

Aoun's dreams shattered

THE rift between Washington and Christian Army chief Michel Aoun that led to the evacuation of the US embassy stems from conflicting views of the geopolitics of the Lebanese crisis.

Aoun says the crisis is domestic and can be resolved once Syria withdraws but he sees Washington viewing the 14-year-old civil war as part of a wider Middle East problem.

"The Americans did exactly what Aoun did not want them to do. They worked to stabilise the present balance of power between the Christians and Syrians in Lebanon," said Lebanese columnist Sarkis Naomi.

"Their policy was no vanquished, no victor." Analysts said Aoun's dream of disengaging his country from the Arab-Israeli conflict has been shattered by the Americans who he sees as using the Lebanese card in a regional game.

Aoun, who has vowed to drive Syria's 33,000 troops from his country, said last week Washington wanted to maintain Lebanon in turmoil until the broader Middle East problem was settled.

The United States is not ready to deal with Lebanon's issue now. The administration thinks that Lebanon's solution should be part of the Arab-Israeli peace settlement," added Naami.

Since he started his "war of liberation" against Syria in mid-March, Aoun, who is backed by Baghdad, has banked on Washington to support him but the US administration stopped short of taking any positive action.

Four days after Aoun made his accusations and amid anti-American demonstrations, all 30 US diplomatic embassy staff including Ambassador John McCarthy were evacuated from Christian East Beirut.

The US administration insists the move was only to protect American diplomats. American analysts question this.

They ask why the US embassy endured months of Syrian shelling, why after the 1983 bombing of the US Marine barracks in Beirut an American presence was maintained?

Recent actions by Aoun "clearly showed we didn't have the protection of people who should be protecting us," one US official said.

Also, Aoun's new diplomatic demands — like pressing for recognition as Lebanon's sole legitimate authority and insisting that Washington force Syria to lift its blockade of Beirut's Christian enclave — "made our presence there less than useful," he said.

A private group, the American Task Force on Lebanon, which includes veteran former US diplomat Philip Habib, accused the administration of overreacting.

"This is a serious and drastic move... at a time when the people of Lebanon are in their most dire need of our help," task force chairman Peter Tanous, a New York banker said.

Lebanese diplomats in Washington, who represent Aoun's government, also were known to be angered by the US move.

Some analysts said the demonstrations and threats may have given Washington an excuse to pull out of Lebanon. They speculated that US officials might have gathered intelligence about an impending escalation in Syrian shelling or terrorist threats.

American Middle East analyst Clyde Marks suggested that evacuation told Aoun Washington would not come to his defence and he must accept a ceasefire, and showed Lebanon's Muslims that Washington was not a Christian puppet.

The United States has avoided mention of Syrian involvement in the battles in Lebanon except when it felt the balance of power was tilting in favour of Syria and its allies.

"It was very clear that the Americans tried to contain the fighting in Lebanon and prevent any side from defeating the other," said one politician in the war-exhausted capital.

"Syria draws its weight as a regional power from its military and political presence in Lebanon. Forcing the Syrians out of Lebanon now would mean changing the balance of power in the volatile region," he added.

Syria regards the deployment of its troops in neighbouring Lebanon, where its arch-foe Israel controls a security zone just 50 km (30 miles) from Damascus, as a vital part of its national security.

Syria says it will never pull out unless Israel withdraws from south Lebanon. But the United States, Israel's main ally, will not press Israel to leave now, diplomats say.

"Practically, Aoun is asking the Americans to change a deep-rooted approach to the region and abandon their policy towards the 41-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict," he said.

Christian political sources said what sometimes appeared as Washington support for Aoun was merely designed to wring concessions from Syria on regional issues.

One source said there were two clear instances of Syria yielding to Arab and US pressure recently.

At an Arab summit in May, Syria changed direction and backed Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat's peace drive, which entails recognition of Israel's right to exist.

At the summit Damascus welcomed Cairo's readmission to the Arab League after being one of Egypt's most bitter critics in the decade since Cairo signed a peace treaty with Israel.

"There will be no peace in Lebanon, just temporary lulls until a regional settlement is achieved. I hope we will still be around to see the day," said a Christian analyst. (Beirut — Reuters)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1513 — Scotland's King James IV is killed in battle of Flodden with British.

1585 — Pope Sixtus V excommunicates Henry of Navarre of France.

1776 — Second Continental Congress makes term "United States" official. Term previously had been "United Colonies."

1813 — San Sebastian, Spain, falls to British forces under Duke of Wellington.

1835 — September laws in France severely censor press and suppress radical movement.

1881 — Arab Pasha starts nationalist uprising in Egypt.

1894 — Sun Yat-sen heads his first attempt at revolution in China. The revolt does not succeed until 1911.

1899 — The "Mad Mullah" conducts raids on British and Italian Somaliland.

1921 — Constitution of Central American Union is signed by republics of Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador.

1945 — US troops land in South Korea at end of World War II. Soviets take over North from Japanese, and 38th Parallel is made dividing line.

1948 — Korean People's Democratic Republic is formed in North Korea, claiming authority over entire country.

1971 — Guerrillas in Uruguay release British Ambassador Geoffrey Jackson after kidnapping him and holding him for eight months.

1974 — US President Gerald Ford encounters heavy criticism from Congress over his pardoning of former President Richard Nixon.

1986 — Gunmen kidnap American director of Lebanese School as he drives from his home in Muslim west Beirut.

1987 — Iraq launches series of co-ordinated air raids on Iranian power plants, factories and oil centres.

1988 — Burma's former Prime Minister Nu, toppled in 1962 military coup, announces formation of a rival government.

All talk and arguments

Rival Gulf countries seemed more divided

ARAB and Gulf leaders at the non-aligned summit talked, argued and sometimes quarrelled. Many times they avoided each other in the corridors of the giant Sava Conference Centre.

But as the summit drew to a close on Thursday they had apparently failed to narrow the deep rifts which split the Middle East.

"This summit has brought together in the same room people who would not have met any other way. But that is all it has achieved," an Arab diplomat told Reuters.

Most leaders of the 102-member Non-Aligned Movement urged the revival of deadlocked peace talks between Iran and Iraq and an end to the bloodshed in Lebanon.

But the rival Gulf countries seemed more divided by the end of the summit and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced after talks with the two countries' foreign ministers that he had made no progress.

The split between Iraq and Iran degenerated into public row at a late night session of the summit on Wednesday during which Iran accused Iraq.

Iran used the summit to hold talks with other Gulf neighbours on relations strained by Arab support for Iraq during the war.

"I had meetings with Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman and in any meeting both sides reiterated that a regional closeness and co-operation among us could help the peace in the region," Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told Reuters.

Rivalry between Syria and Iraq, who back rival governments in Beirut, held up agreement on a final draft of the summit declaration on Lebanon until late on Wednesday night.

The declaration was not expected to mention the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, where 33,000 Syrian troops control two thirds of the country.

The summit has however hosted talks which led a three-member Arab League Committee of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco to revive its peace mission in Lebanon.

Lebanon was represented at the summit by its ambassador in Yugoslavia William Habib.

Arab diplomats said he took no part in the debates over his ravaged country's fate.

At least 790 people have died since March when fierce daily artillery bombardments first blasted Beirut as the forces of Christian Army chief Major General Michel Aoun launched a "war of liberation" against Syria's troops.

Arab diplomats said there were no attempts at the summit to reconcile Syria with Iraq or with the PLO.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), emerged as the star of the summit where he held at least 50 meetings, worked to end the conflicts in Afghanistan and the Gulf and arranged to visit Latin America.

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, who left Belgrade on Wednesday, briefly stole the limelight with a midnight press conference in a bedouin tent set up in the grounds of the Libyan ambassador's home.

He later proposed resettling Jews from the Middle East — suggesting Alaska, Alaska-Lorraine or the Baltic states as a new homeland — an idea which Palestinian sources said angered Arafat who is trying to give the PLO a moderate image.

The Belgrade summit of the Non-Aligned Movement appears to have marked a turning point



HH the Amir attending the non-aligned summit in Belgrade.

for the Third World grouping by dropping its former belligerent anti-Western stance for a more conciliatory tone.

Despite a last stand by the radicals, key moderate states like Yugoslavia, Egypt and India persuaded the majority that, with superpower ties improving, it was time for them to seek co-operation with the West to remedy their dire economic plight.

Cyprus President George Vassiliou hailed the summit as "the beginning of a new era for the movement," allowing it to adapt to a changing world.

"The work done here, we hope, will make certain that the movement does not fall behind history," he told a news conference.

For years the Soviet Union argued that the non-aligned group, though militarily neutral, was naturally allied in all other respects with the communist world. Cuban leader Fidel Castro, who hosted a non-aligned summit in 1979, endorsed this view.

As recently as the last summit, in Harare in 1986, the final declaration thundered against "imperialism, colonialism, neocolonialism, hegemonism, racism, Zionism... as well as against great power and bloc politics."

This year's declaration makes only a passing reference to this struggle and implies that it was a thing of the past.

Instead, it says that "the non-aligned favour concordance rather than confrontation" and applauds US-Soviet détente as "a window of opportunity for the international community."

Significantly, Castro did not come to Belgrade, perhaps sensing which way the wind was blowing.

Instead he sent his brother Raul, who denounced the United States for behaving "as never before in an arrogant, threatening and aggressive fashion."

A handful of other states, including Nicaragua and Panama, echoes Castro's tone, while outgoing non-aligned chairman Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe declared that anti-imperialism was "based on fundamental principles and is not negotiable."

But Western diplomats following the summit said such voices were isolated, and that host country Yugoslavia had succeeded in stamping the meeting with a pragmatic tone that would win the 102-nation grouping a better hearing in Western capitals.

"The non-aligned have been moderate for some time, but now they are getting more understanding in the West because they are just putting themselves across in a much more intelligent way," one said.

Behind the shift of tone lay a growing feeling that with the reduction of tension between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, the non-aligned group, founded in 1961 to fend off involvement in bloc politics, could be left high and dry. (Belgrade — Reuters)

shame needs to be created, yet a chance of being able to prove you want to make your family proud needs to be given. A parole board would greatly help. Outright condemnation is a sure way of creating repeat offenders. When you tell someone not to do something it always arouses a person's curiosity. That's human nature.

It's time some new approach to the drug problem is made. The old ones don't seem to work.

Jeff White,
Kuwait.

Sentiments hurt

SIR: The news published in the Arab Times, Aug 30, '89 "MP calls to expel Muslims", hurt the sentiments of Muslims.

Conservative MP John Townsend said "England must be reconquered for English". Nobody in the world can conquer anybody on the basis of religion, caste creed and territorial boundaries.

John Townsend must be aware of legal statutory provisions of the constitution of every country. That everybody has the right to freedom of speech and writing and to express his or her religious beliefs.

John Townsend is a MP. I am amazed how people have selected such a ridiculous person who doesn't know even the basic norms of society. This was the mentality for which the whole world ousted the British who ruled once upon a time the various continents of the world.

John should be aware that Muslims are neither beggars nor robbers in Britain. They equally contribute taxes and any other Britisher. John is not at all authorised or empowered to speak so ridiculously. Thousands of Johns unitedly cannot expect a single Muslim from the soil of Britain.

Muslims will shed the last drop of their blood and will never allow anybody to utter a single word against almighty Allah, the Holy Quran and Holy Prophet (PBUH).

If John and like-minded people are so powerful why are they hiding Salman Rushdie.

Let Rushdie, John and all like-minded people have dialogues and clear the doubts from their minds.

It is Britishers claim themselves to be the democrats, they must be ready for open seminars and symposiums on the Islamic issues.

Rushdie is just a paid and dancing puppet of enemies of Islam.

John must learn manners before giving any public statement, otherwise he will have to face the same fate that Rushdie has to face in the near future.

Syed Mohd Arif,
Safat.

Voice of the '90s

SIR: The "Search for the Voice of the '90s" was not only a display of talent in music, but also of organising excellence.

The remarkable group performance, Kuwait's version of Madonna, and the post-contest jubilant dance were worth enjoying.

Congratulations to Flissak and Grace in particular for such a graceful presentation. Wishing them the best in their future endeavours.

Khalil,
Fahsheel.

Nobel peace prize

Reagan again?

FORMER US President Ronald Reagan, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and two prominent Czech dissidents are the most talked about candidates in the run-up to this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

The five-member committee that awards the prize next month is concentrating on four of the 101 nominations, a source at the Nobel Institute in Oslo told Reuters.

"But I cannot tell you who those four are," said the source, who asked not to be identified.

Doctor Jakob Sverdrup, a director of the Oslo Nobel Institute, would say only that 76 individuals and 25 organisations had been nominated for this year's award. He declined further comment in accordance with the institute's rules of secrecy.

But seasoned Nobel-watchers in the Norwegian press, who try to pick the winner each year with scant information, are already placing their bets.

Reagan and Gorbachev, Czechoslovakia's former Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek and playwright Vaclav Havel seem to be making the running.

Reagan and Gorbachev have been nominated for their signing of an Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) agreement in 1987 that scraps medium-range nuclear missiles, the first superpower treaty to reduce the world's nuclear arsenal.

The two men have been nominated jointly and separately for the three million Swedish crown (\$455,000) prize, established in the 1896 will of Swedish dynamite inventor and industrialist Alfred Nobel.

There has been speculation that Gorbachev might even carry it off alone this year, in recognition of his unilateral arms cuts and radical reform programme in the Soviet Union.

A source close to the Nobel Committee, which is chosen by the Norwegian parliament, said both men were nominated last year, but that they were unable to consider Reagan because of the impending US elections.

"An award to Reagan would have been too political and might have helped (then vice-president) George Bush in his presidential campaign," the source said.

The blue-helmeted UN peace-keeping forces took the honours instead.

This year, the two Czechoslovaks — prominent as the country marked the 20th anniversary of the "Prague Spring" last year — are also being considered.

Hajek was foreign minister in the government that briefly asserted itself in 1968 before Soviet tanks rolled into Prague.

Vaclav Havel, known for his work with the Charter 77 human rights group, was sentenced earlier this year to eight months in jail for incitement during a week of political protests in January. The sentence was later reduced to 15 months.

The winner will be announced on Oct 5 and a source close to the committee said a final decision would be taken at the end of September.

The winner will get a record award. The prize money this year is 20 per cent higher than last year, thanks to returns on investments made by the Nobel foundation.

As every year, the prize will be awarded at a grand ceremony in Oslo University's hall on December 10. The Nobel prizes for medicine, economics, physics, chemistry and literature are awarded in Stockholm.

Because the deadline for Nobel nominations falls early in February — to give the committee plenty of time to consider all candidates — some nominations put forward after the deadline this year will be considered for next year's prize.

Among them is Chinese student leader Chai Ling, nominated by two Norwegian parliamentarians after she told how the students' movement was crushed in Peking in an emotional taped message, smuggled out of the country and heard around the world.

The right to nominate candidates for the prize, first awarded in 1901, is limited to members of parliaments around the world, university professors, members of the International Court of Justice and previous prize winners.

Other nominations for this year's prize include Joao Havelange, the Brazilian chairman of the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) and the Dalai Lama, exiled spiritual leader of Tibet.

Philippines President Corazon Aquino, South African nationalist Nelson Mandela and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi are again on the list.

South African former parliamentarian Helen Suzman, who has championed voiceless blacks for more than 30 years, may also be in with a chance.

Among organisations nominated are the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the scouts, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which provides aid for Palestinian refugees, and Vicarias de la Solidaridad — a Catholic Church human rights organisation. (Oslo — Reuters).

Quote me

"The other guy has a lot of guts. He could be out there in a wheelchair and you still don't have the match. He raised his game a lot. He gave a tremendous effort. He deserves a lot of respect." — Andre Agassi following his five-set victory over Jimmy Connors, who suffered nausea and dizziness.

"I played on automatic pilot. I played a damn good match." — Jimmy Connors on his losing effort.

"All people think the Soviet Union and the United States want war in our country — They don't want peace in our country. We don't want any more revolution. We just want Afghanistan for Afghans." — Dr Mohammad Najib, a surgeon at Avicenna Chest Hospital in Kabul, on the situation in Afghanistan.

"You never want to win like that. You'd rather go straight out." — Erickson on Berger's forfeiting their quarterfinal match due to cramps.

"I didn't care if it was three sets, five sets, two sets or 20 sets." — Andre Agassi on his first five-set win.

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EVENTS



Congratulations

Adel Khalid Ahmed Al Hagiry recently got married. He celebrated the beginning of this new lifestyle in the Sheraton's Grand Ballroom.

Many guests attended the reception including the bride and groom's families, relatives and other Kuwaiti personalities.



The groom patiently sits with members of the family (left) and (above) a closer look at the groom.



The guests bless the groom.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim: children programme
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt Al Daye: daily Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Khaled Zaki, Yahya Al Fakhrani and Dalal Abdul
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
11.15 Al Dana: local serial (Part 5)
12.00 Sabah Al Khair and Variety
12.15 Cinema: Arabic serial, starring Mohammed Al Qaysi and Amal Taha
1.00 News Summary
1.30 Al Shanakel: cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial (Final)

Part)
3.15 Innaho Al Haq: religious programme
3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial
4.00 Noisy Denis: foreign film
5.50 Variety
7.00 Cultural film
7.30 Noor Al Islam: religious programme
8.00 Shuara Al Saf Al Thani: cultural programme (Part 12)
9.00 Arabic News
9.45 Wajeda Wa Sameh: Arabic serial (Part 3)
10.30 Al Mohakama: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Nawal Abu Al Fotooh, Majdi Wahba and Madeeha Hamdi
12.20 News Summary
12.25 The World Today via Satellite
12.50 The Holy Quran and Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Mutawa Pharmacy
Al Hilali Street, Al Awqaf Building. Opp. to the Shamlan Mosque
Loula Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber Street, Near Dasmal Complex
Najra & Hawalli
Al Joudar Pharmacy
Hawalli, Tunis Street, Al Saqabi Property
Salmiya & Rumailhiya
Finiqya Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street, Block No. 1, Property of Khaled Issa
Khalid & Ahmad
Al Ahmadi Pharmacy
Ahmadi, Ahmadi Central Market
Khalitan Pharmacy
Khalitan, Ibrahim Bin Al Adham Street, Block No. 2
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
Jahra, The Fourth Area, Bader Al Somait Company

CINEMA

Al Andalus
One Man Force
Al Salmiya
Hall Booked
Al Hamra
Wild Force
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Dil Aur Deewar
Fahad-el-open
Main Tera Dushman
Fahad-el-open
Moonam Pakkam
Al Jahra
Blue Beard
Granada
D.O.A.
Salaikhah
Arabic film
Julech
Mukil
Ahmadi Drive-In
Three the Hard Way

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.09 am
Zuhr	11.45
Asr	3.17 pm
Maghreb	6.01
Isha	7.19



Starman: KTV2 8:30 pm

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Onam celebration
SEPT 14: It has been proposed to celebrate the Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Ona Sadya. Passes will be available with KC Eapen. Tel: 2405100 (Off) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla,

4745628 (Off) 5638602 (Res), Madhu. Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

Weaving

ANYONE interested in abstract, picture or Sadu style weaving, please contact Fran Res for further details. Tel: 5657425 (Sallwa).
Proposed times:
Sunday 9.30 - 13.00 start Sept 10.
Tuesdays 14.30 - 18.00 start Sept 12.
Ona Sadya
OVERSEAS Indian Cultural Congress (OICC) has decided to celebrate the Onam — the national festival of Kerala — with its traditional feast "Ona Sadya" which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes at New Regal Restaurant on Sept 14, at 7 pm. For more details please contact tel: 4314183, 5629747 and 3988569.

Pakistan Arts Circle

A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes mushairas, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc.

Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel. Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.

Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Syndicate Live

SEPT. 15 Two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live," a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goa's music kings, The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Top Ranks and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Raja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413348, Julio 5734513 for more information.

Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmin or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

Filchek chess
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchek) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

British Council

THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain"

a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/5629141/4310913 after 5 pm.

Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

D'Assisi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama

NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast

includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Shara) or Video Club (near GEO).

HOTELS

At the Meridian Hotel

OPENING on Sept 9 the Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious seafood dishes and always the great value business. Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

LA BRASSERIE: Brand new menu at the La Brasserie... definitely worth the wait. The new a la carte menu at the La Brasserie features a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. In addition to a lavish buffet with different starters various hot dishes and mouthwatering desserts. And remember the buffet changes daily for the guests.

EVERY SATURDAY THAI CORNER: Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai corner features a variety of great authentic dishes in addition to the restaurant's regular lavish buffet.

EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT: Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to

the US includes live foot tapping country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real west.

EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDOONESIAN CORNER: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

EVERY THURSDAY: Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

KIWI LOVERS: A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingian from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

At the Holiday Inn

AT the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.

AL ANDALUS: Thursday — Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

FAMILY BRUNCH: Calling all kids... we have a great party every Friday. It's our Friday brunch party and

everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic... magic... by the great magician. Prizes and surprises awaits each kid. Price: KD5.000 for adults and half the price for children.

AT THE SWIMMING POOL: From 8.30 pm spend a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbeque — music — games — prizes and surprises plus our delicious and yummy, Shahrada barbeque. Come all and join the fun. At only KD5.500 per person and KD2.750 for children.

At the Kuwait International LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Fallaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon. **La Patisserie:** Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

SPORTS

SWIMMING CLASSES: A.S.A. swimming classes for

children/adults, beginners/intermediate. Classes start September 23, 1989. For registration and details please contact Messilah Beach Hotel on 5624111 ext. 739 or 751.

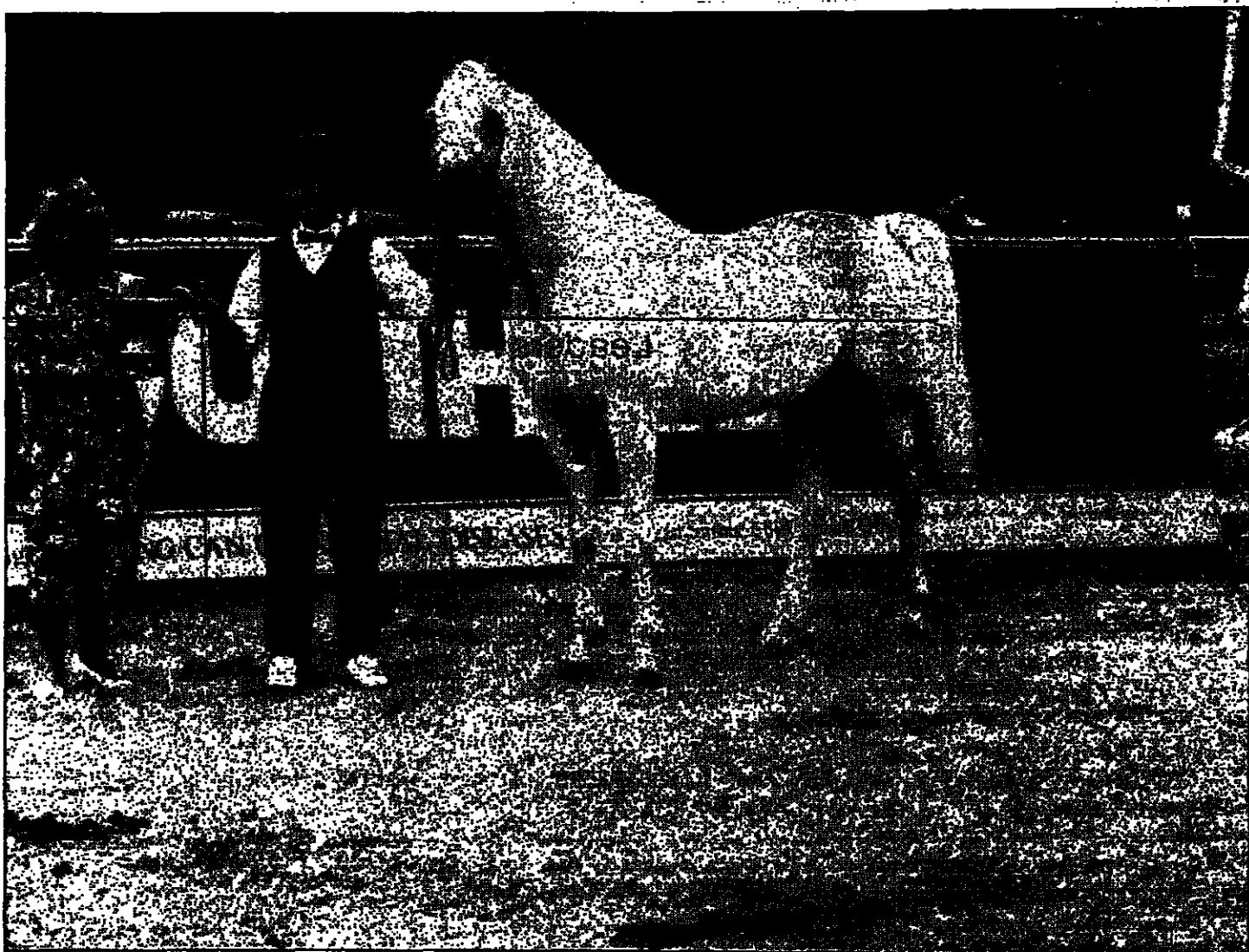
WINDSURFING CLASSIC: Messilah Beach Hotel is organising a Windsurfing Classic on October 6, 1989. Open to all men and women sailors in Kuwait. Closing date for entries is 1.10.89. For more details contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 739/751.

Holiday Inn health club and recreation centre

SWIMMING lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Sundays-Tuesdays-Thursdays 4-6 pm. Mens keep fit classes, Sundays and Tuesdays 6-7 pm. Ladies keep fit Sat and Tuesday 6-7 pm. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournaments. Sundays squash handicap tournament — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from two champion professional squash instructors. Learn the martial arts with Black Belt instructor — Wednesdays and Mondays (6.30 to 7.30 pm) mixed classes. Open to non-members.

Additional facilities are also available under the supervision of selected professionals: weight loss, body building, massage (steam — oil — cream) for ladies and men.

Contact the recreation department Tel. No. 4742000 Ext. 6788 or 6700.



Carroll Lymbery, wife of Marc Lymbery, the Middle East Director for Dunhill, presents the Dunhill Cup for the Champion Stallion at the Arab Horse Society's Summer Show at Kempton Park, Surrey. The Male Championship Award, the highlight of the three-day show, was won by Esta-Espashan, a horse imported from the Netherlands last year by his owners Karen and Ian Needham. His is shown by their stud-groom, Sarah Young.

The Arab Show, which is held in July, is the largest single breed show in the world and it attracts visitors from many different countries, including the Middle East. Dunhill has been associated with this prestigious event for the last four years, but this was the first time the company had sponsored the male championship.

Dunhill's involvement with the Arab horse, which is renowned throughout the world for its beauty, speed and stamina, also extends to racing. The company sponsors a series of six furlong races, culminating in a final for the Dunhill Cup at Goodwood in October, and it supports the Arab Horse Society's Marathon — 26½ mile race for horses — which takes place at Thirsk, Yorkshire. Maintaining its long association with equestrian events in the Middle East, Dunhill also sponsors showjumping in Kuwait.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Economy expands

Deficit threatens future growth

NEW DELHI, Sept 8, (AP) — India's economy expanded by 10 per cent during the past year in a sound recovery from a 1987 drought, but a mounting budget deficit and declining hard currency reserves threaten future growth, the Reserve Bank of India said yesterday.

The Reserve Bank of India in its assessment for the 1988-89 financial year said the agricultural sector had recovered from a devastating drought during 1987-88, which had left India with minimal grain reserves.

The bank projected this year's crop — after a particularly good monsoon — would be 23 per cent larger than the previous season, and that the total foodgrain harvest would be some 172.2 million tons.

The report said government grain reserves stood at 13.1 million tons in June, a healthy increase over the pre-harvest buffer stock in March, which had reached a low of 7.4 million tons.

In the industrial sector, the bank recorded an overall growth rate of 8.8 per cent, as against the previous period's expansion of 7.3 per cent.

The report said overall expansion in agricultural, industrial and service sectors came to 10 per cent, and recorded that inflation had been trimmed from 10.6 per cent to 9 per cent.

Economists attribute much of India's economic buoyancy to gradual deregulation and free-market policies under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, but the bank warned of several "areas of concern" that threaten the Indian economy.

It said the government budget deficit had increased to \$5.94 billion in 1988-89 from \$5.13 billion, a situation that many economists have warned about because New Delhi has resorted to commercial banks for loans to service its debt.

The report also reported foreign exchange reserves, which had declined to \$3.99 billion from \$4.40 billion last year.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept 8, (KUNA) — Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.30065	0.30180
Sterling	0.46489	0.46757
DM	0.15185	0.15246
S. fr.	0.17588	0.17686
F. fr.	0.04458	0.04529
Y. fr.	0.0002114	0.0002128
Jap. yen	0.0020459	0.0020579
Bh. dinar	0.73705	0.80095
UAE dh.	0.08180	0.08218
S. riyal	0.08013	0.08050
Q. riyal	0.08255	0.08295
O. riyal	0.76991	0.78409

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Sept 8, (KUNA) — Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-5/16	8-9/16
3 months	8-5/16	8-9/16
6 months	8-5/16	8-9/16
1 year	8-5/16	8-9/16

Interest Rates

Indian rupee	18.130
Sri Lankan rupee	7.990
Pakistani rupee	14.430
Bangladesh taka	9.260
US dollar	30160
Pound sterling	46900
Deutsche mark	15245
UAE dirham	08208
Japanese yen	002069

Deputies to question jailed banker in Boston

ATHENS, Greece, Sept 8, (AP) — A parliamentary committee investigating the bank scandal that helped bring down the socialist government decided Wednesday to hear testimony from a banker jailed in Massachusetts who is at the centre of the affair.

Four deputies are to hear testimony from fugitive banker George Koskotas, who fled Greece last November, committee chairman Nikos Katsaros told reporters.

A 30-member committee is probing allegations that former Premier Andreas Papandreu and four of his ministers were involved in the alleged embezzlement by Koskotas of about \$210 million from Koskotas's privately owned Bank of Crete.

In several interviews from his Salem, Massachusetts, prison cell, Koskotas has maintained that Papandreu and members of his government authorised the looting of the

Right-wing party takes on welfare state in election

OSLO, Sept 8, (Reuters) — Norway's general election next Monday has become a referendum of its cradle-to-grave welfare system, with the radical right-wing Progress Party expected to win wide support for cutbacks and a freer market economy.

Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland, whose Labour Party has dominated politics here for more than 50 years, acknowledged in her first campaign speech that the polls could bring the biggest political shakeup in Norway's recent history.

"Shall we renew and strengthen the

welfare society through the Labour Party's values... or shall right-wing forces be given more possibilities than ever before?" she asked.

The anti-tax, anti-immigration Progress Party, led by the populist Carl Hagen, has been winning up to one-fifth of the vote in recent opinion polls and is likely to hold the balance of power in the 165-seat Storting (parliament).

Hagen, whose party has just two seats in the current parliament but could win 30, has drawn voters from both left and right with a no-nonsense "man of the

people" approach that eschews Norway's traditions of consensus politics.

The Progress Party wants to cut back the pervasive social security system, reducing Norway's high taxes, privatising the huge state sector and making the economy more market-oriented. It would stop the growing flow of immigrants and asylum-seekers and decrease benefits for them as well as for native Norwegians.

Polls show both Labour and the main opposition Conservative Party could face severe problems in trying to run even a minority government, raising the prospect of political chaos.

Norway's constitution permits elections only once every four years even if no stable government can be formed.

"The most likely thing is that the situation will be very unclear on election night," Brundtland told the conservative daily Aftenposten today.

Her party, which won more than 40 per cent of the vote in 1985 elections, is now polling just above 30 per cent. Record unemployment of above four per cent — compared to traditionally full employment — has led many voters to shun Labour despite major

improvements in the oil-based economy. Brundtland says she has no intention of resigning unless the three centre-right parties agree on a common platform. So far they have not even agreed who should be prime minister and are still arguing over key policies.

Brundtland took power in 1986 after the former centre-right coalition collapsed. The price for Norway's North Sea oil plunged and cast the country into recession.

The Conservatives, who are polling just above 20 per cent of the vote, have as many problems as Labour.

More than 1,000 officials to attend

Asia Pacific meeting to discuss oil prospects

SINGAPORE, Sept 8, (Reuters) — Oil officials meeting in Singapore next week are expected to discuss oil production and pricing ahead of a crucial Opec price meet on Sept 23.

More than 1,000 officials from international oil companies and oil-producing nations will discuss new processing deals and joint venture business, and look for new market outlets at the Asia Pacific petroleum conference scheduled to start on Monday, industry sources said.

Indonesia's Mines and Energy Minister Ginting Kartasasmita is expected to call for oil output

unity, discipline and price stability in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the sources said.

Some traders said they do not expect crude prices to slide from current levels ahead of the Opec meet.

Spot prices of Mideast and Far East crudes were steady but activity was lacklustre on Thursday, and traders said the current Mideast benchmark price, Dubai, was traded at \$15.70 per barrel against Opec's desired \$18.

Soviet Oil Refining and Petrochemical Industry Minister Nik-

olai Lemayev will look at the possibility of processing crudes in Singapore to meet the regional demand for oil products, a conference source said.

"Currently, the Soviet Union supplies most of Vietnam's gas oil demand," the source said.

Lemayev is also expected to talk about the Soviet energy industry in the 1990s and the development of the Russian Pacific oil and gas reserves.

"Russia will talk with Western companies on more joint ventures in the region," the source said.

The sources said Mobil Corp

and three other oil companies will discuss plans to launch Asian crude oil forward contracts this year.

Meanwhile, Arab oil-exporting nations that are members of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries last year produced nearly a quarter of the world's oil output, according to Opec's annual report.

Total Opec output in 1988 ran at an average daily 13.8 million barrels, said the report, adding that this was nearly 1 million more than previous years.

Oil industry comes under pressure

Strike spreads

MOSCOW, Sept 8, (Reuters) — A strike in Soviet Azerbaijan appeared to be gaining strength yesterday after a stormy nationalist demonstration by at least 200,000 people, putting further pressure on the republic's beleaguered oil industry.

"A railway strike is causing us serious difficulties," a senior oil and chemical industry official said. "We are being forced to use sea transport and our few remaining reservoirs."

However, the official dismissed as premature a report by a journalist at the Azerinform news agency who told Reuters that two oil processing installations had already been forced to stop work because they could not shift their output.

In a further headache for the Kremlin, the official news agency Tass said around 150 trains were paralysed by a separate rail strike in the south-western republic of Moldavia, called over a new language law which has annoyed local Russians.

The apparent spread of the Azerbaijani strike, which began on Monday, followed a rally in Baku late on Wednesday at which a crowd, several hundred thousand strong, backed calls by the local popular front for more autonomy for the republic.

Sanctions against Pretoria

UN urged to monitor

GENEVA, Sept 8, (KUNA) — The panel which conducted public hearings in Geneva on the role of transitional corporations (TNC's) in South Africa and Namibia, has called on the United Nations to set up a central mechanism for comprehensive information on the impact and efficiency of economic sanctions against South Africa.

In a 28-page final report, released today, the panel notes that the absence of an adequate monitoring system had permitted the South African government and business community to establish new trade, financial and investment links out of the glare of public opinion.

The panel adds that the lack of a proper information system was also responsible for retarding the development of "grass roots" pressure groups on the North American and Nordic models, in much of Europe and particularly in the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland.

Gold gains

Dollar down

LONDON, Sept 8, (UPI) — The US dollar closed lower against major European currencies today. Gold rose.

The dollar closed lower in Frankfurt today at 1.9805 German marks against Thursday's closing 1.9900, in Zurich at 1.7060 Swiss francs against 1.7170, in Paris at 6.6800 French francs against 6.7035, in Brussels at 41.47 Belgian francs against 41.66, and in Milan at 1,421.70 lire against 1,426.20.

In London, the pound closed at \$1.5485 against \$1.5455.

Gold closed up one dollar in Zurich today at \$360.50 per ounce against \$359.50 and in London at \$360 against \$359.75 at Thursday's close.

Silver finished unchanged in Zurich at \$5.15 per ounce, and was also unchanged in London at \$5.13.



Ezzat M. Jaffar
KDD delegation

Ezzat M. Jaffar, the chairman and managing director of the Kuwaiti Dairy Company (W.L.L.), who is heading KDD's delegation to the annual session of the International Dairy Federation in Copenhagen, sit on the board of the executive committee of the International Dairy Federation. Jaffar is the first Arab to hold this post.

Leaders back moves

Iran to seek aid

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept 8, (AP) — A member of Iran's highest judicial body today backed moves to seek aid "at the international level" to restore Iran's war-battered economy.

The comments by Ayatollah Mohammad Enami Kashani were in line with moves by newly elected President Hashemi Rafsanjani to rebuild the economy and this attempts to improve relations with the West.

"The revolution's principles as well as the 'neither East-nor-West' policy should be preserved, Kashani told worshippers during the weekly prayer meeting at the Tehran University, adding:

"But this does not contradict endeavour at the international level to recover the country's sick economy."

Kashani is a member of the council of guardians, a 12-member watchdog body set up by Ayatollah Khomeini to ensure that all legislation conforms to Islamic tenets.

It is dominated by conservatives who favour the private sector and it frequently blocked legislation by the previous government that aimed at tightening government control over the economy.

In his comments carried by the Islamic Republic News Agency and monitored in Cyprus, Kashani

did not elaborate on the size or type of international assistance Iran might seek.

Iran badly needs modern technology to rebuild its oil and petrochemical industries that were ravaged by the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, and much of that will come from the West.

Economists outside Iran say much of the financing for such reconstruction will have to come from the West, making borrowing of foreign currency or direct foreign investment in Iran inevitable.

Iran's cash reserves are low, estimated by the Bank of International Settlements at no more than \$4.75 billion.

Revolutionary Iran has until now shied away from any reliance on foreign lenders. Long-term debt is estimated at \$500 million, low by international standards, although short-term credit liabilities are estimated as \$4 billion to \$5 billion.

The election of Rafsanjani, who heads a "pragmatic" camp that has stressed economic reconstruction, has raised expectations in Iran of an improvement in the economy.

Iran also suffers from runaway inflation. Officially the rate was 28 per cent for the past year but Tehran press reports say that prices of consumer items have risen between 30 and 150 per cent.

Indo-Arab joint chamber planned

NEW DELHI, Sept 8, (KUNA) — The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ficci) is considering setting up an Indo-Arab chamber of commerce to provide opportunities to businessmen of the subcontinent for diversifying trade and investment.

The Indian section of the Indo-Arab Joint Business Council in a meeting recently endorsed the formation of the joint chamber.

It entrusted the Ficci secretariat to draw up the feasibility report to initiate discussions with its counterpart.

Further discussions are likely to be pursued at the coming meeting of the Indo-Arab Joint Business Council, sources said today.

The proposal is under the active consideration of Ficci and the General Union of Chambers of Indus-

try and Agriculture for Arab countries.

The meeting noted that as a result of the fall out of the foreign exchange crisis, Arab countries, particularly Iraq, were insisting on deferred payments. They were also keen on having line of credit or soft loans from India.

The meeting noted that fruits and vegetables have excellent market potential in Arab countries. India's exports of these items have been handicapped by lack of infrastructure to either air lift or ship load type consignments in time.

It was, therefore, suggested to have refer ships or containers in adequate numbers for the carriage of these goods.

Arab countries also provide opportunities for boosting India's export of fabrics. Raw materials can be exported to Arab countries and converted and re-exported to third countries.

Deputies to question jailed banker in Boston

before holding new elections by November 5.

In a statement released by his lawyers earlier this week, Koskotas offered to testify before the parliamentary committee. A note from the Greek embassy in Washington confirmed the declaration.

A committee which had been investigating the scandal before the elections cancelled a visit to Boston in April when Koskotas reneged on an offer to testify. That committee was disbanded without submitting a report to parliament.

Papandreu is also being investigated for his alleged involvement in telephone-tapping during his eight years in office.

If the deputies probing the scandals convinced parliament that the evidence warrants further investigation a special high court will be set up to try the former premier and any of his ministers who might be implicated.



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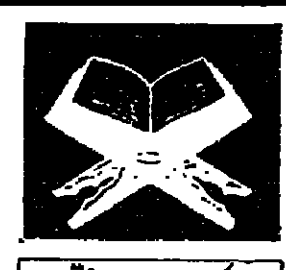
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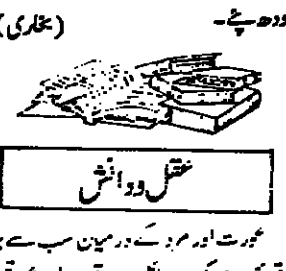
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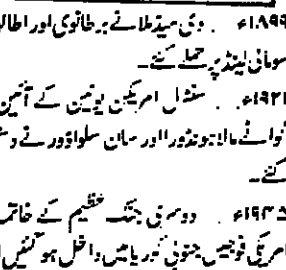
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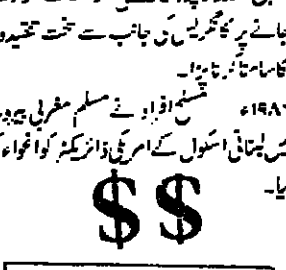
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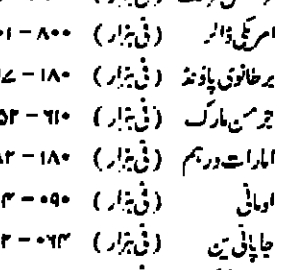
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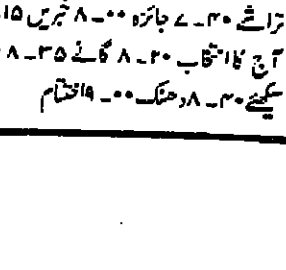
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SPORTS

Coventry to battle Millwall

LONDON, Sept. 8, (AP): It took Coventry 106 years to reach first place in the English Soccer League. After nine days at the top of the standings, it faces a tough challenge to its exalted position this weekend.

The Sky Blues, the only First Division team with three victories this season, travel to third-place Millwall tomorrow as the entire League returns to action after a break to allow England to prepare for its World Cup qualifying match in Sweden.

Coventry, traditionally a team struggling to avoid relegation to the Second Division, has had the good fortune of playing Crystal Palace and Manchester City in the past two weeks.

Those teams, both of which were promoted to Division One at the start of this season, are among the five winless teams in the First Division so far.

But Coventry, which needed a last-minute goal at home to defeat Manchester City and jump to the top of the standings on Aug. 30, will have its hands full at Millwall.

Millwall is one of five undefeated teams so far in the first division. It was undefeated through its first eight games last season and was contending for the top until it fell apart late in the season, failing to win any of its final 10 matches.

In other key First Division matches, second-place Norwich hosts Southampton, fourth-placed Chelsea is at home to play Nottingham Forest and fifth-placed Everton welcomes Manchester United.

Also, last-place Sheffield Wednesday is at defending champion Arsenal, Tottenham visits Aston Villa, Wimbledon is at Crystal Palace in a battle of teams seeking their first victory. Derby hosts Liverpool, Charlton is at Luton and Manchester City is at home against Queens Park Rangers.

Norwich midfielder Andy Townsend faces his old team for the first time in the match against Southampton, and the Canaries also have the comfort of knowing striker Robert Rosario has signed a new four-year contract.

All soccer trainers are useless, says Platini

PARIS, Sept. 8, (Reuters): A disillusioned Michel Platini said in an interview yesterday that all soccer trainers, including himself, were useless.

Platini, whose French national team lost their last vestige of hope of qualifying for next year's World Cup

finals in Italy in Tuesday's 1-1 draw with Norway in Oslo, was in a soul-searching mood when he spoke to the sports Daily L'Equipe.

"It makes me sick to watch such a sight from the bench," he said of the match. "I cannot be among them (the players). I cannot do more for them. I

am giving 150 percent of myself. I think of everything, I think for everyone.

"I suspected that, from a certain moment, the trainer was completely useless. I like the others, am completely useless. Completely, you understand. It's terrible."

But former European Footballer of the Year Platini, who took over the French team last November, said he was 90 percent sure he would extend his contract as national team boss when it runs out at the end of this year.

"Football is my life. Outside of it, I am nothing. I don't exist," he went on.

"I am a slave to the ball and I will be all my life."

The squad was good but lacked leaders and the players acted for individual rather than collective benefit, he said.

Platini said he was also shocked by

the lack of support he received. "In six months in charge (of the French team), I have learned more than in 15 years of my playing career," he said.

"A lot of important people make fine noises about the national team but they don't give a damn ... in the middle of it all, I feel very alone."

Yugoslavia qualify for Cup

Soccer violence overshadows Stockholm game



Two British constables keep a close watch on a pair of British soccer fans on their return to Britain. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (Agencies): Yugoslavia scored three second-half goals in four minutes Wednesday to beat Scotland 3-1 and qualify for next year's World Cup in Italy.

It was Yugoslavia's first victory over Scotland in eight games spanning 34 years. Scotland dropped to second place in Europe's Group Five, but is favoured to claim the second World Cup place extended to the five-nation group.

Yugoslavian midfielder Srecko Katanec headed in two goals in the game at Zagreb.

Yugoslavia joins Italy (host) and Argentina (defending champion) as teams to have qualified Sunday in its game against Chile, but the outcome is in dispute because of an incident in which the Chilean goalkeeper was hit by an object from the stands.

Elsewhere, Sweden drew England 0-0 in Group Two; Austria drew the Soviet Union 0-0 and East Germany routed Iceland 3-0 in Group Three; Finland topped Wales 1-0 in Group Four; Norway tied France 1-1 in Group Five; Hungary defeated Northern Ireland 2-1 in Group Six; and Belgium smashed Portugal 3-0 in Group Seven.

Sweden and England stayed alive in their bids for a World Cup berth. England, which has eight points from five games, will secure a spot in Italy with a draw in Poland next month. Sweden, with six points from four games, must beat lowly Albania at home and score at least a tie at Poland to clinch a berth.

Austria, playing before a Vienna crowd of 60,000, posted the tie it was hoping for against the Soviet Union. Austria has

seven points and trails the Soviets by two in Group Three, which seconds two qualifiers to Italy.

East Germany scored an impressive road victory over Iceland, but the tie between Austria and the Soviet Union left the East Germans in third place in Group Three with five points.

Finland defeated Wales in Helsinki to swap places at the bottom of Group Four, led by West Germany and European champion Holland.

Norway missed an opportunity to gain added ground on Scotland in Group Five by tying

France in Oslo. Norway trails Scotland by two points.

A critical mistake by replacement centre back Anton Rogan 13 minutes into the game led to Hungary's first goal in Belfast and ended Northern Ireland's World Cup hopes.

Belgium virtually assured itself a World Cup berth with a home victory over Portugal. Belgium has 10 points from six games with two to play. Czechoslovakia, with a game in hand, is three points behind, with Portugal third with five points from four games.

The Stockholm game between

England and Sweden was overshadowed by violence by the Swedish police claimed a tidy victory over the soccer hooligans.

"Not a single person was hurt. We arrested 206 fans, 100 of them English. None will be charged and all the Englishmen should be out of the country in a few days time. We're quite pleased," said police spokesman Gunnar Skold.

The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said the England-Sweden World Cup qualifying match may have ended in a goalless draw but "the Swedish police hammered England's soccer

hooligans."

All but 30 of those arrested in the rampages before and after the match were freed by noon on Thursday.

A few hours before the game, gangs of drunken British fans ran amok through Stockholm's main shopping area.

Some 300 police in riot gear, a rare sight on the usually calm streets of elegant Stockholm, moved in quickly, trapping and arresting almost 100 English fans in a narrow side street.

"To be fair, these Englishmen were provoked by Swedish fans. But their early arrest prevented other English supporters from causing trouble," Skold said.

"They understood we would accept no nonsense."

Police said Swedes caused most of the second bout of trouble in the city centre, after the match, when there were fights in the streets, window-smashing and looting.

No tickets were sold in Britain and up to 600 English fans arrived hoping to buy black market tickets.

Some 500 English fans were allowed to buy tickets and were bused into an enclosure on the stadium's southern terrace where they behaved quietly during the match, Skold said.

After the whistle, the England fans were forced to stay in the stadium until the other spectators had left.

Britain yesterday condemned rioting by England supporters.

"It is really a disgrace to Britain when English fans behave like this," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said.

Juventus storm home Maradona asked to mend his ways

NAPLES, Italy, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Napoli soccer club said yesterday they were going ahead with disciplinary action against their repentant captain Diego Maradona.

The club have told Maradona that a civil law suit for damages would be withdrawn only when they were satisfied that the volatile midfielder had mended his ways.

"You are the greatest soccer player in the world," club officials quoted Napoli president Corrado Feraino as telling Maradona in a long-awaited showdown on Wednesday.

"But precisely because of this you have greater duties than others and should be more professional," Feraino said.

Maradona returned to the southern Italian club from Argentina more than a month late, threatening to throw his contract at Feraino and take club officials to court.

But when the two men finally came face to face, Maradona recognised he had been wrong in delaying his return and agreed to make himself immediately available to trainer Alberto Bigon.

The 28-year-old Argentine captain has been working out in a Naples gym and was expected to re-join the squad today.

Feraino insisted that Maradona had to clean up his act, stop skipping training and travel with the team to away matches instead of arriving late by private plane.

Napoli said there were no winners and no losers in the settlement of the dispute. But the club said they would not withdraw a request to Italian soccer's disciplinary body that Maradona should be fined for missing the August 27 start of the season.

The disciplinary committee will decide the amount of the fine.

Napoli also began a civil suit for damages claiming the row meant they could no longer use Maradona's image to promote the club. They said they would drop the claim only when Maradona's behaviour had improved.

Meanwhile, Juventus stormed to



Diego Maradona

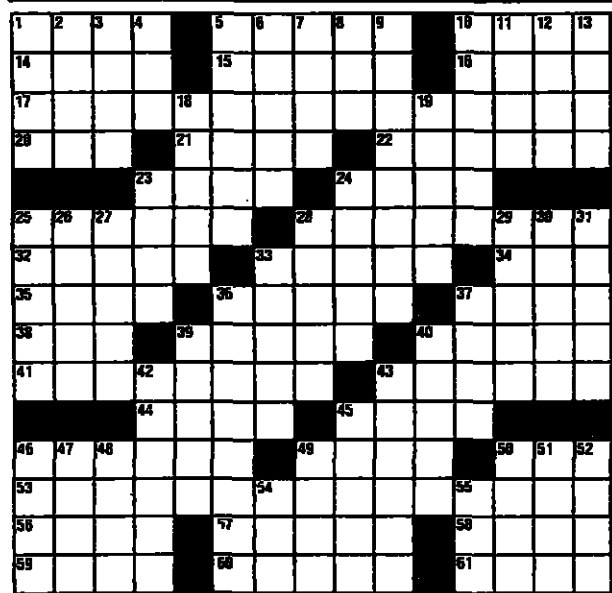
their second convincing win in four days as other top teams battled for points in the Italian League on Wednesday.

Goals from Pierluigi Casiraghi, Salvatore Schillaci and, in injury time, Angelo Alessio, earned Juventus a healthy 3-1 win at home to Fiorentina to put them top of the First Division on goal difference after three matches.

The triumph followed Juventus' 4-1 win at Verona on Sunday, confirming their potential for a record 23rd Italian League title, and was the more creditable for the absence of their Soviet and Portuguese stars because of World Cup commitments.

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Atalanta	0 AC Milan
Bari	2 Verona
Cesena	0 Napoli
Cesena	0 Roma
Inter	2 Lazio
Juventus	3 Fiorentina
Lazio	1 Cremonese
Udinese	1 Bologna

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 763 ♥ 962 ♦ AK54 ♣ 652
Partner opens the bidding with three no trump (25-27 points). What do you respond?

A.—Your ace and king are wonderful assets, but your square shape has its disadvantages. We would invite slam by raising to four no trump (no, that's not Blackwood), and we would not be disappointed if partner passed.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KJ8 ♥ 984 ♦ 654 ♣ A1063
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner has asked you to proceed to game if you are in the upper range for your response. Since you promised 6-10 points, you are right on the borderline. While your flat shape is a liability, your intermediate cards offset that flaw. Raise to three no trump.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ K95 ♥ 762 ♦ 842 ♣ AQ93
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A.—Even if you play four-card majors, partner usually has five cards in the suit for a one-spade opening. Therefore, we prefer a raise to two spades over a one-no-trump response—the former is more encouraging and we have a maximum in support.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 5 ♥ J107652 ♦ QJ53 ♣ 93

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A.—You have a hand which, only on a good day, will produce a trick on defense. On offense, however, it has tremendous trick-taking potential. Make a preemptive jump to four hearts in an attempt to keep the opponents out of the auction.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQ9852 ♥ 63 ♦ J104 ♣ K8
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 1 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—We won't quibble with a jump to four spades, the same action you would take had partner opened the bidding with one no trump. However, we would prefer a jump to three spades (forcing) to give partner a choice of contracts. If he persists with no trump, we would respect his decision because our minor-suit cards should prove most useful.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AKJ63 ♥ K95 ♦ Q92 ♣ 63
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—A difficult choice. A jump to three spades overstates the quality and length of the suit; four diamonds bypasses three no trump; and three no trump with an un-stopped suit is unthinkable. The least of evils is to bid two hearts. That action is forcing. If partner bids 2 NT, raise to game. If he raises hearts, he must have an unbalanced hand and you can jump to five diamonds.

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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not find it easy to accept what cannot be changed. You will be on far better terms with your partner. Avoid having a late night. Be polite.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you drink only moderately. Spend a little time tidying up or else you will waste time finding things. Do not take everything quite so seriously. Be magnanimous.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will find a better way of doing something that has to be done frequently. Avoid spending more than you really need. Do not keep a friend waiting. Be lucid.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Something you had feared might not now happen. But not will something you had hoped would. Take the best possible care of your health. Be generous.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should take a little more care of your personal appearance. And do not ignore the opinions of others. It will do you good to spend a little more time reading. Be tolerant.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to prevent yourself from doing something silly in the nick of time. Do not look for more to the extent of missing what you have. Take good care of your health without becoming a hypochondriac. Be resourceful.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You are suffering from a spate of over-confidence. This can easily be remedied and there is no need to go the other extreme. If you use a bit more commonsense you will not go far wrong. Be moderate.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will have pleasant memories but do not dwell too much on them: live in the present. You will feel more sure of yourself. Give your partner a small present, it need not be expensive. Be patient.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will not feel quite up to your usual self. Never mind, you will soon be back to normal. Your lucky numbers are 42 and 11. Do not ignore details but do not get bogged down in them. Be contented.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Nothing will be quite the way you would like it to be but you will be able to cope quite well. Make sure you do not eat or drink more than you know you should. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be sincere.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Something you had hoped for will happen but not quite as you would have liked. Take the wishes of your partner and children into account. Try to use a little more commonsense. Be tactful.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

If you show a little more goodwill towards others you will be well rewarded. You should not do the first thing that comes to mind nor should you jump to conclusions.

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Euro-championships

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Sweden remains committed to holding the European Soccer Championships in 1992 despite this week's rioting sparked by England supporters in Stockholm, Swedish Prime Minister Ingemar Carlsson said today. "Sweden will be the host, even if it takes a massive police effort to organize the event in a good way," said Carlsson, himself an avid soccer fan.

Baseball results

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

American League	National League
(1st) Baltimore 3 Texas 3	Pittsburgh 7 Montreal 4
(2nd) Baltimore 9 Texas 6	New York 13 St. Louis 1
Toronto 12 Cleveland 4	Los Angeles 8 Cincinnati 2
New York 6 Seattle 4	Chicago 6 Philadelphia 2
Milwaukee 7 California 1	San Francisco 7 Atlanta 5
	Houston 2 San Diego 1

Dutch player

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 8, (Reuters): European Cup holders AC Milan today denied press reports that Dutch international Ruud Geelink would be unable to play for four months because of a nagging knee injury.

Title fight

EDMONTON, Alberta, Sept. 8, (AP): The \$3 million contract signed to stage the Mike Tyson-Razak Riddick fight in Edmonton Nov. 18 is as iron-clad as Iron Mike's bulging physique, one of the architects of the deal said. Halifax promoter Sonny McPhee said yesterday that a report that the fight for Tyson's undisputed world heavyweight title will be moved out of Edmonton is a fabrication. "We have no intention of moving it," he said, adding that those who want it staged elsewhere are "nuts."

Honorary doctor

HOLLY SPRINGS, Mississippi, Sept. 8, (AP): With stars in his eyes, Johnnie Johnson, thanked the College for awarding him an honorary doctor of humanities degree in recognition of the NBA star's support of the United Negro College Fund.

Top athlete

SOFIA, Sept. 8, (UPI): Stefka Kostadinova, who set the women's high jump world record two years ago, was voted top Bulgarian athlete of the last 45 years by local sports editors, announced BTA, the official state news agency.

Argentine player

VIENNA, Sept. 8, (UPI): First Division soccer club Sturm Graz signed Argentine Jorge Diaz of Rosario Central for \$250,000. Diaz, who is the highest paid player in the club, will play until next summer when his contract is to be negotiated.

Royal support

LONDON, Sept. 8, (UPI): The Lawn Tennis Association's effort to produce world class British tennis players gets the royal seal of approval next Wednesday when Princess Diana visits the LTA National Training Centre outside London.

Ruffell dies

LONDON, Sept. 8, (UPI): Jimmy Ruffell, believed to be the last surviving member of the West Ham team who played in the first FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium in 1923, died Wednesday at the age of 89. Ruffell, who played for West Ham from 1920 to 1938, played on the left wing as Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham 2-0 in a match remembered for chaotic crowd scenes.

Snooker player

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Canadian Bill Werbeniuk has been allowed to resume his career as a professional snooker player, interrupted last year after 15 years because he took a banned drug.

WBA bout

BISMARCK, North Dakota, Sept. 8, (AP): Virgil Hill will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) light heavyweight title against James Kinchen in Bismarck Oct. 24, two months after a blood-sugar problem forced Hill to postpone the fight.

Rower banned

BLD, Yugoslavia, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Czechoslovak woman rower Ines Soukupova has been banned from international competition for a year for trying to cheat a dope test at a regatta last July.

Equestrian events

DINARD, France, Sept. 8, (Reuters): The French port of Dinard offered yesterday to stage the equestrian events at the 1992 Summer Olympics after doubts that they can be held in Barcelona because of the danger of African horse plague.

Gower and Botham left out of tour squads

Gooch to lead England in India, W. Indies

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Graham Gooch was named as England's cricket captain yesterday for next month's one-day tournament in India and the Test tour of West Indies starting early next year.

The 36-year-old Essex opener takes over from David Gower, who led England when they were trounced 4-0 by Australia in the six-match Ashes series that ended last week.

Gooch, who also captained his county, led England for the final two Tests of the 1988 season, against West Indies and Sri Lanka, and was then given the captaincy for his country's ill-fated winter tour of India.

The tour was called off when India's government said they would refuse to issue visas to Gooch and seven other members of the touring party with South African links.

Gooch was overlooked as England captain at the start of this season when Ted Dexter took over from Peter May as chairman of selectors and recalled Gower to the job.

Yesterday, India said it has no objections to Graham Gooch leading the England side in the six-match Nehru Cup one-day tournament in India next month, according to a member of the organising committee.

Snail Dev said the new England captain's previous links with South Africa, which helped scupper the tour to India last winter, had been set aside in January and since then he had

declined to tour South Africa with a new English rebel side this winter.

"We have no objections to Gooch leading the team," Dev told Reuters.

He said the possibility that Gooch might lead England in the one-day tournament had been broached at the July meeting of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) in London.

Dev said Indian cricket officials had agreed then that they would abide by the ICC's decision in January to give all players who had been to South Africa a fresh start.

"He is not going to South Africa with the rebels, so there's no problem," he said.

The ICC decided in January on an international ban of up to five years for any player having sporting contacts with South Africa in the future.

England will join India, Pakistan, West Indies, Sri Lanka and Australia in the Nehru Cup which begins on October 19.

The tournament is being played to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first post-independence prime minister and grandfather of present leader Rajiv Gandhi.

In a similar development, Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, said yesterday he did not anticipate a problem with Gooch's appointment.

His presence on the England team during the last tour of the



Gooch gets England captaincy

West Indies in 1986 caused protests.

"As far as I am aware the resolution at the ICC meeting in January has now been approved by the heads of government of the Caribbean and Gooch or any other player who has been to South Africa prior to the first of

April is eligible to play for England. So I don't see any problem," Walcott said.

Caribbean Community (Caricom) leaders in July expressed support for the ICC ruling, effectively clearing the way for the tour.

Guayana, which has adopted a

militant stand on South Africa, has confirmed its agreement and a Test will be played there for the first time in three England tours.

An anti-apartheid group in Trinidad, which organised minor protests when Gooch came to the West Indies on the last England tour of the Caribbean, has opposed the ICC agreement.

Meanwhile deposed England cricket captain Gower and all-rounder Ian Botham were today overlooked for their country's winter tour programme in a surprise move by the selectors, who included four uncapped players.

Gower, sacked as captain in favour of Gooch 24 hours earlier, and Botham could not find a place in either the party of 14 for the Nehru Cup one-day tournament in India next month nor among the 16 players for the Test tour of West Indies starting next January.

Apart from naming the uncapped quartet of Ricardo Elcoock, Nasser Hussain, Keith Medlicott and Alec Stewart for the West Indies tour, the selectors recalled opener Wayne Larkins after an eight-year absence from the international arena.

The rest of the Caribbean squad, in which Allan Lamb is Gooch's vice-captain, comprises essentially players who appeared in this summer's Ashes series. The exception is middle order batsman Robert Bailey, whose only Test cap was against West Indies last year.

Gower, veteran of 106 Tests, made it clear after losing the captaincy on Thursday that he would be happy to tour under Gooch, while Botham, who has played 97 Tests, recently reversed his decision of two years ago not to tour again and said he would be available for the Caribbean.

Chairman of selectors Ted Dexter said Botham was "extremely upset" to be told of his omission.

"I spoke to Ian and his reaction was as you would expect," said Dexter. "But it would be unlikely if he didn't accept the challenge of trying to fight his way back next summer."

"Botham's form has not even nearly approximated Test standard this year and we were simply unable to pick him on form."

The former England captain's absence after a modest season, twice interrupted by injury that confined him to three Test appearances, was less of a surprise than the decision to axe Gower as a player.

Dexter said: "Gower did contribute more than some during the (4-0) Test defeat by Australia but the remainder of his form was extremely sketchy through the summer."

"He's going to have a shoulder operation and I'm sure that shoulder has been troubling him, but his lack of consistent form is the main reason (for his omission)."

A feature of the West Indies squad is that four of the five

specialist pace bowlers were born in the Caribbean.

Elcock and Gladstone Small are Barbadians, Phillip DeFreitas comes from Dominica and Devon Malcolm was born in Jamaica. Angus Fraser completes the fast attack.

Elcock, 24, has blossomed after moving from Worcestershire to Middlesex this season. He has the ability to produce genuine pace which, if harnessed to consistent control, could make him a menacing prospect.

Squads

The 16 to tour West Indies: Graham Gooch (captain), Allan Lamb (vice-captain), Robert Bailey, David Capel, Phillip DeFreitas, Ricardo Elcock, Angus Fraser, Eddie Hemmings, Nasser Hussain, Wayne Larkins, Devon Malcolm, Keith Medlicott, Jack Russell, Gladstone Small, Robin Smith, Alec Stewart.

The 14 for the one-day Nehru Cup in India: Gooch (capt), Lamb (vice-captain), Capel, Nick Cook, DeFreitas, Fraser, Hemmings, Hussain, Larkins, Derek Pringle, Russell, Small, Smith, Stewart.

The 15 for the tour of Zimbabwe: Mark Nicholas (captain), Michael Atherton (vice-captain), Andy Afford, Darren Bicknell, Martin Bicknell, Richard Blakey, Alan Igglesden, Richard Illingworth, Chris Lewis, Pringle, Steven Rhodes, John Stephenson, Graham Thorpe, Steve Watkins, James Whitaker.

Panel names rugby's 'team of the decade'

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Some of rugby union's greatest players were honoured yesterday with the announcement by a distinguished panel of judges of the best world team of the 1980s.

New Zealand stars Graham Mourie and Dave Loveridge, French genius Serge Blanco, Argentina's Hugo Porta and South African pair Danie Gerber and Morne du Plessis were among a formidable side chosen from players involved in international rugby between 1980 and 1989.

A selection panel including former greats such as Wales scrum-half Gareth Edwards, David Kirk of New Zealand and Jean-Pierre Rives of France caused heated debate by failing to select a single English or Irish player in their world side.

Mourie was selected to captain the side with fellow New Zealander Brian Lochore nominated as coach.

Wales' Jonathan Davies, possibly the most talented British player to emerge over the past decade, had to be content with a place on the replacements bench

with Porta narrowly winning the vote at outside-half.

"For the vast majority of positions at least half a dozen players were very carefully considered," said Edwards. "We will undoubtedly have left out many favourites but, unfortunately, we could only fit 15 in the team."

World team of the decade: Serge Blanco (France), John Kirwan (New Zealand), Danie Gerber (South Africa), Philippe Sella (France), David Campese (Australia), Hugo Porta (Argentina), Dave Loveridge (New Zealand), Morne du Plessis (South Africa), Graham Mourie (New Zealand, captain), Steve Cutler (Australia), Andy Haden (New Zealand), Michael Jones (New Zealand), Robert Paparomborde (France), Colin Deans (Scotland), Graham Price (Wales).

Replacements: Stu Wilson (New Zealand), Jonathan Davies (Wales), Terry Holmes (Wales), Alan Whetton, Sean Fitzpatrick, Steve McDowell (All New Zealand), Coach: Brian Lochore (New Zealand).

US to face tough time

PERTH, Australia, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Defending champions the United States are expected to face their toughest challenge from the bizarre bidding methods of European title-holders Poland when the 29th World Bridge Championships open on Sunday.

The United States team, captained by the experienced Dan Morse, contains four reigning Bermuda Bowl champions and two previous winners.

A Polish win would add fuel to the controversy surrounding their use of highly artificial bidding methods. So complicated is the Polish system that it has to be circulated to opponents months before matches for careful study.

France, second in the recent European Championships, should also pose a strong threat while Taiwan cannot be ruled out after their well-drilled side won this year's Far East titles.

The United States are also defending champions in the Women's World Championships starting on Sunday where surprise European champions West Germany and Brazil should pose the biggest threat.

Both contests begin with an eight-day round-robin between eight of the 10 teams.

In the men's competition the United States and Poland move straight into the four-team semifinals while in the women's play, the United States and West Germany earn that privilege.

Lawson eyes fourth title

BRNO, Czechoslovakia, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Eddie Lawson has overcome initial problems in his new team this season to come within easy reach of a fourth 500cc motorcycling world championship.

The quiet American surprised many last winter by suddenly parting company with his boss of the past five years, former Italian ace Giacomo Agostini, and his works Yamaha team.

He caused another shock by immediately joining Yamaha's biggest enemies — Honda.

"I needed a change quite badly," Lawson said at the Czechoslovak Grand Prix in Brno, where his second place took him ever closer to the title. One race remains — the Brazilian Grand Prix in Goiania on September 17.

Lawson, champion in 1984, 1986 and 1988, leads the standings with 211 points, 15.5 more than his only challenger, fellow Californian Wayne Rainey, on a works Yamaha.

"After so many years with the same team I started to feel like I was losing touch with reality," he said. "Despite three world titles I needed proof it was me who mattered and not just a good team."

"I didn't feel like going to another Yamaha team because that would prove nothing."

The Suzuki team was unprepared for another big star to join their young prospect, Texan Kevin Schwantz, so Lawson went to Honda.

"Many people told me I was crazy," Lawson said with a shy grin. "They said Wayne Gardner was too established in the Honda team, and the Honda NSR machine was quite undrivable."

Lawson, nicknamed "Steady Eddie" because of his reliable riding and point-collecting talent, made a poor start to the season. He found the Honda difficult to tame and

adapt to his riding style.

"The bike was much more powerful than Yamaha, but much worse in road-holding," he recalled.

But Gardner, Australia's 1987 world champion, crashed in Laguna Seca during the US Grand Prix and broke his left leg in three places.

Lawson leapt at the opportunity to make significant contributions towards the development of the Honda.

"My riding style is somewhat different to Gardner's. I would say it's less rough, more gliding and soft," he said.

"So it took us a lot of time and testing to make the bike rideable for me."

"I think only by the French Grand Prix I felt I understood the bike completely."

The race was held as late as July, but Lawson's earlier consistent runs allowed him to keep in touch with championship leader Rainey.

Lawson duly won, was second to Schwantz at Donington and then won again in Sweden — after Schwantz retired with engine failure and Rainey untypically crashed when leading.

With four wins this season, Lawson feels he deserves the title after so much effort. But he is under no illusion as to who is currently the fastest man in the business.

"Schwantz, of course. He is awfully fast," he said. "He just needs to tame his temper and nobody will be able to beat him. I feel lucky he came so late in my career."

Lawson, 31 last March, said he intends to stay riding for a while yet.

"I'll carry on for two or three years for sure," he said. "I started to lose interest last year, but now it's all fired up again. I'd like to prove my worth in Honda next year also."



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Soccer match

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8, (Reuters): A soccer match between the Netherlands and England has been cancelled at the request of the English Football Association (FA) because of fears of hooliganism. Dutch football authorities said today.

Danish player

BORDEAUX, France, Sept. 8, (Reuters): French League leaders Bordeaux said today they were prepared to transfer Danish midfielder Jesper Olsen to solve pressing financial problems.

Rowing event

BLVD, Yugoslavia, Sept. 8, (Reuters): The United States will host the World Rowing Championships for the first time in 1994, the International Rowing Federation (Fisa) said today.

Suspension powers

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 8, (Reuters): National federations are to be given the power to suspend athletes who refuse to take part in International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) competitions.

Karppinen out

BLVD, Yugoslavia, Sept. 8, (Reuters): "There is a time in life when you just have to leave," West German Peter-Michael Kolbe said after former rival and master sculler Perri Karppinen of Finland crashed out of the World Rowing Championships yesterday.

Murray ahead

TADWORTH, England, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Unheralded Englishman Andrew Murray left the stars in his wake with a 66 as slow play cast a shadow over yesterday's first round of the European Open at Walton Heath.

Clearwater leads

ENDICOTT, N.Y., Sept. 8, (Reuters): American Keith Clearwater fired a six-under-par 65 to take the first-round lead at the \$500,000-BC Open golf tournament yesterday. Clearwater shot six birdies and no bogeys on the 71 En Joie Golf course.

S. Africa all-rounder

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Adrian Kuiper, the 30-year-old South African all-rounder, has signed to play English county cricket with Derbyshire in 1990.

England midfielder

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): England midfielder Neil Webb had an operation on an Achilles tendon rupture yesterday which will keep him out of action for several months. Alex Ferguson, manager of Webb's new club Manchester United, said: "We are looking at him being out for four to six months."

Brady retires

DUBLIN, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Liam Brady, one of Ireland's most popular players, announced his retirement from international soccer after making his 71st appearance for his country on Wednesday. Brady, 33, made his decision after being substituted in the 35th minute of the 1-1 draw with West Germany.

GTE Classic

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 8, (AP): Defending champion Gary Player says it would be "a minor miracle" if he were to repeat as champion at the GTE North Classic at Broadmoor Country Club, the 31st stop on the PGA Senior Tour. Play in the second annual 54-hole tournament began this morning and runs through Sunday.

French star

MONTREUX, Switzerland, Sept. 8, (AP): Yannick Noah, France's top tennis player, plans to move to Switzerland and found his own company, authorities said Wednesday. Noah, 29, who currently lives in New York, reportedly plans to buy a chalet near this Lake Geneva town and set up a dietary and sporting goods company in a bid to secure his future once he leaves pro tennis.

ATP Tour

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (AP): The ATP Tour championship, played in New York since 1977 as the Masters, will be held in Frankfurt, West Germany, beginning in 1990 under terms of a three-year agreement announced Wednesday.

Battle ends

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Sept. 8, (UPI): The Volvo International tennis tournament ended a battle among competing New England sites Wednesday by announcing the prestigious event would be moved from Vermont to New Haven.

League Cup

LONDON, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Essex and Nottinghamshire will contest the Sunday League Cup final on Sept 17 after beating Worcestershire and Lancashire respectively in relatively one-sided cricket semifinals on Wednesday.

IAC badminton tournament starts

THE Indian Arts Circle (IAC) badminton tournament started on Thursday with Stephen P.K. scoring a 15-5 12-15 15-4 victory over Cherian Philip.

The first and the third sets, seemed to be one-sided affairs but Philip seemed to have got back into the game in the second. After winning the second set, Philip fought hard in the third but found the going tough.

Earlier on the inauguration of the tournament was done by P.K. Koshy, who represented the sponsors K.I.E.C., and K.K. Nair who is the vice-president of IAC.

In the other matches, K.S. Jose

Capriati, 13, makes youngest Wightman Cup debut

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Just a week after Chris Evert bade her farewell to the sport she has graced for almost two decades, another girl from Florida will make her debut in senior tennis at the tender age of 13.

Jennifer Capriati, who has made herself a force in junior tennis by beating players several years older, will become the youngest player in Wightman Cup history when

she plays for the United States against Britain from September 14 to 16.

Playing a singles match as the number three player on the squad in Williamsburg, Virginia, she will eclipse the record set by Andrea Jaeger who was 15 when she beat Virginia Wade in 1980.

"There is no hesitation at all. She is very mature. She plays older than her age," US

coach Marty Riessen said in explaining the choice of Capriati.

"When I was named to the team I said 'Oh my God,'" Capriati said at the US Open where she is the number three seed in the girls under-18 tournament. "Wightman Cup almost everybody has played in it."

She will team with Mary Joe Fernandez, Lori McNeil, Patty Fendick and Betsy

Nagelsen to try win the annual contest for the 11th consecutive year.

A step up to senior competition is a natural move for Capriati who has dominated her own age group in international and national tournaments.

She won the French Open junior title, was a quarterfinalist at the Wimbledon juniors and won the US national 18s title last

month.

"I have never played anybody like her," said 16-year-old compatriot Julie Shiffrer, a 6-0 6-0 second round loser to Capriati. "She hits so strong and deep I was always on the defensive."

Capriati was ineligible to play in the main US Open draw this year as women's tour rules set 14 as the minimum age. She turns 14

on March 28 and is anxious to test herself against the professionals.

"If you think you're ready to play, you should be allowed to play," Capriati said. Pam Shriver, a veteran of the professional scene, is one player who is impressed with Capriati.

"She is going to be the next dominant American player," Shriver predicted.

Lendl thrashes Mayotte

Agassi overcomes Connors

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl and Andre Agassi, who will reprise tomorrow their semifinals showdown of last year, were a study in contrast on the stadium court at the US Open yesterday.

Lendl, the world number one and top seed, was at his destructive best in his quarterfinal as he routed ninth-seeded American Tim Mayotte 6-4 6-0 6-1.

Agassi, a charismatic teenager playing the unaccustomed role of villain, held off an inspired comeback by five-time Open champion Jimmy Connors to post a 6-1 4-6 0-6 6-3 6-4 victory.

Mayotte, who has never beaten Lendl in 14 chances, said Lendl was in a class by himself.

"He's just too good," said Mayotte, who upset French Open champion Michael Chang to reach the quarters.

"I wasn't playing that poorly. I just don't have any weapons that can hurt him. He played virtually perfect tennis for the last two sets. My serve doesn't penetrate him at all and he just serves so big I can't attack him."

"I don't think anybody else combines the consistency and power he does."

Last year, Lendl prevailed over Agassi by sweeping the last three sets after the shaggy-haired Las Vegas teenager captured the



Connors (left) smashes his racket after losing to Agassi while Lendl returns a shot to Mayotte. (Reuters wirephotos)

opener.

A win over the sixth-seeded Agassi this time would lift Lendl to his eighth straight Open final — matching the record set by Bill Tilden from 1918-1925.

Lendl, the Connecticut-based Czechoslovak, said such records did not interest him.

"I don't play this tournament to get into the final. I play this tournament to win," said Lendl, who has done just that three

times.

The other men's semifinal will have three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker of West Germany, the second seed, going against 14th-seeded American Aaron Krickstein.

Becker, who is seeking his first Grand Slam title on a surface other than grass, has won all three of his previous meetings with Krickstein.

The women's semifinals were featured on today's programme.

Top seed and defending champion Steffi Graf was to go against her third-seeded rival Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina in replay of last year's final, won in three sets by the West German.

The 20-year-old Graf, who has lost just 14 games in her first four victories here, is on course for an eighth Grand Slam title.

The Graf-Sabatini clash was to be preceded by the other

women's semifinal, which pitted number two Martina Navratilova against her fifth-seeded fellow American Zina Garrison, who ousted Chris Evert in the quarters.

John McEnroe licked his lips with anticipation on Wednesday as he savoured the thought of playing in his first Grand Slam championship final in four years — even if it was the US Open men's doubles.

"It's nice to be back in a final. You forget what it is like if you haven't been in one in a while," McEnroe told Reuters after winning the semifinal with his Australian partner Mark Woodforde.

The seventh-seeded pair defeated the sixth-seeds, American Paul Annacone and South African Christo van Rensburg, 6-3 3-6 6-3 6-3.

In today's final they were to meet fourth-seeded former Wimbledon champions Ken Flach and Robert Seguso of the United States who beat second-seeded John Fitzgerald of Australia and Anders Jarryd of Sweden 6-3 6-3 7-5.

Results today in the US Open tennis championships (prefix number denotes seeding):

Women's singles semifinals 2-Martina Navratilova (US) beat 5-Zina Garrison (US) 7-6 (7-4) 6-2.



Connors exults after winning fourth game of the last set. (Reuters wirephoto)

Italian GP practice

Berger fastest

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Austrian Gerhard Berger, snatched provisional pole position away from his Ferrari team-mate Nigel Mansell by just 0.005 of a second in today's opening qualifying session for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix.

Berger, unable to record a competitive time during the opening 45 minutes because of a misfiring engine, finally clocked a best time of one minute and 24.734 seconds with just six minutes of the session remaining.

His time was marginally better than that of his British team-mate and enabled the Ferrari team, revelling in the noisy support of a big crowd, to enjoy the luxury of sharing the front row of the provisional grid.

Mansell, continuing his much-improved mid-season form, had dominated much of the earlier part of the session and, with a best time of 1:24.739, appeared

assured of overnight pole until Berger's late intervention.

The Ferrari pair were the only drivers to break the 1:25 barrier and left the Honda-powered McLarens of Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna and Frenchman Alain Prost sharing the second row of the grid, both with times inside Senna's pole time last year of 1:25.974.

Belgian Thierry Boutsen and his Williams team-mate Riccardo Patrese of Italy were fifth and sixth-quickest respectively on a day when the multi-cylinder engines again proved their supremacy on Monza's high-speed 5.8-km circuit.

Senna admitted the Ferraris had the edge on the McLarens despite the introduction of Honda's latest specification engine.

He said: "I think my absolute best today would have been a 1:24.8 nothing quicker."

Coe seeks life ban for drugs cheats

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Two-time Olympic champion Sebastian Coe today called for a life ban for drugs cheats in athletics.

Coe welcomed this week's decision by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to strip disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson of his 100 metres world record but called on the sport's governing body to impose tougher measures on those caught cheating.

"If an athlete gets caught taking drugs, a life ban is in order. It's the only thing you can do," said the 32-year-old Coe, who makes his final appearance for Britain when he runs in the 1,500 metres at the World Cup here tomorrow.

"You don't stand at the starting line and let someone start 15 paces ahead of you. But that's what's happening if you condone drug taking," Coe added.

Asked for his reaction to the IAAF decision to strip Johnson's 100 metres world mark of 9.83 seconds from the record books, Coe said: "I think they have to be right. Here you have a guy who knowingly broke the rules."

Johnson, who was stripped of the Seoul Olympic 100 metres gold after failing a dope test at last year's Games, set the mark at the Rome World Championships in 1987 but has since admitted taking drugs before the event.

Coe added: "If he said he took drugs in 1987, then you have to take away the record."

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Confusion surrounds new laws

BARCELONA, Sept. 8, (Reuters): Confusion and dissent surround the International Amateur Athletic Federation's (IAAF) new anti-doping laws which will strip Ben Johnson of his world 100 metres record.

The IAAF congress on Tuesday passed rules which will erase any world record or IAAF title if an athlete admits to having taken banned performance-enhancing drugs.

Johnson lost his Olympic 100 metres title in Seoul last year after testing positive for an anabolic steroid.

This year he told the Canadian inquiry into drugs in amateur sport that he had taken steroids since 1981.

Proposals before the IAAF congress this week called for world records and titles to be taken from athletes who confessed to having used banned substances.

But there the difficulties started.

IAAF vice-president Arne Ljungqvist told reporters after a council meeting on Monday that any confession of drug taking within the six years before the rule was passed would invalidate a world record.



Ben Johnson

Consequently, Johnson's world 100 metres record set in the 1987 world championships final would be erased from the record books.

At that stage IAAF officials left the impression that Johnson's world title would stand.

However, on Tuesday, after congress had ratified the council recommendation, council members said they would now seek to remove Johnson's world title.

"It's very likely that the world

championship title will go," council member and honorary secretary Robert Stinson said.

The question of what would constitute an admission of drug taking outside a court of law was also fraught with difficulties.

Stinson, a British lawyer, said he did not think a newspaper article would be sufficient, although a television interview could be.

Even the ratification of the council proposal was confused.

After a series of stirring speeches against drugs, IAAF president Primo Nebiolo summed up the debate with what most people in the congress hall assumed was a call for an affirmation of the IAAF's anti-drug stance.

The congress then adjourned for lunch and some delegates were astonished to learn during the interval that Nebiolo's speech had apparently asked for the anti-doping package to be approved unanimously.

"It's a farce," council member Amadeo Francis said angrily.

After the break, Stinson stepped smoothly in and the proposals received the expected endorsement through a formal vote.

Al Wazzan to go for win in Jordan

KUWAIT'S Tareq Al Wazzan driving for Ralliart Middle East in a Marlboro sponsored Mitsubishi Pajero is expected to make a strong bid for victory in the Jordan BP 2000 raid on 14th and 15th September.

Tareq won the last BP four-wheel-drive rally to be held in the Jordanian kingdom in 1987.

"It is the first time I will be driving in the carbon kevlar long wheel based Pajero," said Al Wazzan.

"This is the type of car that won the 1988 Desert Challenge, so I will be looking for victory for Kuwait."

Al Wazzan will have a tough battle on his hands if he is going to win this event. Qatar's Abbas Al Moeawi driving for Mitsubishi in a Pajero is strong favourite to take victory. The Qatari is the current Marlboro Desert Challenge champion, and is leading the 1989 series, following his victory in the BP 2000 raid in Oman in January.

The second round of the Marlboro Desert Challenge sees the entry for the first time of three times Middle East champion into the four-wheel-drive competition. Mohammed Bin Sulayem will be piloting a specially prepared Toyota Landcruiser pick-up. "He is the best driver in the Middle East, and he will certainly be hard to beat if he is having a good day," said Al Wazzan.

Dubai-based Lebanese driver, and former Kuwait national champion, Michel Saleh looks set to make another serious challenge for victory in Jordan. He won the recent hillclimb event there, and this time out will be piloting a Marlboro Range Rover.

Blackaller dies

SONOMA, California, Sept. 8, (AP): Three-time American Cup competitor Tom Blackaller died of an apparent heart attack yesterday while practising for an auto race at Sears Point International Raceway.

Blackaller, 52, was not involved in an accident on the race track.



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